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(54) Title: PEPTIDES CONSISTING OF FRAGMENTS OF GLI-1 AND SUFUH AND THEIR USE

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to the field of mammalian signalling pathways, and more precisely to the physical interaction between two components of the Sonic hedgehog (Shh)-Patched (Ptc) signalling pathway, namely GLI-1 and SUFUH. The invention provides peptides consisting of fragments of GLI-1 and SUFUH, respectively which are able to specifically bind to SUFUH and GLI-1, respectively. The invention also provides monoclonal antibodies and antibody fragments specifically binding to these peptides, as well as pharmaceutical compositions containing the peptides, antibodies and/or antibody fragments, said pharmaceutical compositions being useful for treating cancer and diseases influencing cell differentiation and tissue development.

New peptides, corresponding antibodies, and compositions thereof.

5 The present patent application relates to the field of mammalian signalling pathways, and more precisely to the physical interaction between two components of the Sonic hedgehog (Shh)-Patched (Ptch) signalling pathway, namely GLI-1 and SUFUH.

10 The Sonic hedgehog (Shh) – Patched (Ptch) signalling pathway is of key importance for both normal development and carcinogenesis, as shown by the presence of mutations in genes encoding components of this pathway in human malformation and cancer-predisposing syndromes (holoprosencephaly [Roessler et al., Hum. Mol. Genet. 6:1847-1853 (1997)], nervoid basal cell carcinoma syndrome [Hahn et al., Cell 85:841-851 (1996); Johnson et al., Science 272:1668-1671 (1996)] and Greig cephaloplysindactly [Vortkamp et al., Nature 352:539-540 (1991)].

15 Intracellular transduction of the Hedgehog signal in *Drosophila* involves derepression of the seven-transmembrane-domain protein Smoothed and release of a large complex containing Costal-2 (Cos-2), Fused (Fu), Suppressor-of-Fused (Su(fu)) and the transcriptional effector Cubitus interruptus (Ci) from microtubules at which they are anchored, as well as blockage of the proteolytic conversion of full-length Ci to its amino-terminal repressor form [Ruiz i Altaba, Cell 90:193-193 (1997); Monnier et al., Curr. Biol. 8:583-586 (1998); Methot et al., Cell 96:819-831 (1999)]. In *Drosophila* only the repressor form of Ci is detected in the nucleus indicating that a specific mechanism(s) may prevent nuclear entry of full-length Ci. A separate activation step has
20 been implicated in the conversion of full-length Ci to a transcriptional activator [Methot et al., Cell 96:819-831 (1999); Ohlmeyer et al., Nature 396:749-753 (1998)].
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30 In mammals, functions corresponding to that of Ci have been assigned to the zinc-finger-containing and DNA-binding proteins Gli 1-3, which are expressed in an overlapping pattern adjacent to cells secreting Shh or the homologous Indian hedgehog

(Ihh) and Desert hedgehog (Dhh). *GLI-3* mutations detected in human disorders result in expression of truncated *GLI-3* proteins that mimic natural Ci processing with respect to their altered subcellular localization and transactivation properties in HeLa cells (the full-length protein is cytoplasmic)[Shin et al., Proc.Natl.Acad.Sci. USA **96**:2880-2884 (1999)]. In the case of *GLI-1*, initial studies using the D259MG glioma cell line, which contains an amplified *GLI-1* locus, showed that this protein is nuclear in localization [Kinzler et al., Mol.Cell.Biol. **10**:634-642 (1990)]; nuclear *GLI-1* localization was also seen after *GLI-1* cDNA was transfected into COS cells [Dahmane et al., Nature **389**:876-881 (1997)]. In contrast, *GLI-1* in human basal cell carcinomas (BCCs) was again cytoplasmic [Dahmane et al., Nature **389**:876-881 (1997)]. Most recently it has been shown that, upon overexpression, all three *GLI* proteins may show either cytoplasmic or nuclear localization, depending on the cellular context [Ruiz i Altaba, Development **126**:3205-3216 (1999)]. Analysis of the proteolytic processing of vertebrae *Gli* proteins using mouse embryo extracts has shown the appearance of shorter variants of endogenous *Gli-3*, but not of *Gli-1* [Dai et al., J. Biol. Chem. **274**:8143-8152 (1999)], whereas after overexpression in frog embryos shorter variants of all three *Gli* proteins were observed [Ruiz i Altaba, Development **126**:3205-3216 (1999)]. However, as overexpressed full-length *Gli* proteins can be detected in the nucleus, proteolytic processing does not appear to be necessary for nuclear import. Taken together, these data strongly indicate that, in mammalian cells, there may be mechanisms that regulate the subcellular localization of both full-length and processed *Gli* proteins. Such mechanisms could involve the regulation of interactions of the *Gli* proteins with anchoring proteins, or the modification of the *Gli* proteins themselves, including proteolytic processing.

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The above mentioned component of this system, the Suppressor of Fused, *Su(fu)*, in *Drosophila* [Pham et al., Genetics **140**:587-598 (1995)], has so far not been identified in man. In insects, *Su(Fu)* has been shown to form a complex together with Costal-2 (*Cos2*) and the transcription factor Cubitus interruptus (*Ci*) [Monnier et al., Cur-

rent Biol. 8:583-586 (1998)] which all are involved in the transduction of the Hedgehog signal.

5 The hedgehog signalling pathway is influenced by numerous autoregulatory and other control mechanisms as for example transcriptional regulation of Patched and Gli by Gli itself [Alexandre et al., Genes Dev. 10:2003-2013 (1996)], and proteolytic generation of Ci and Gli isoforms with opposite transactivation properties [Jiang et al., Nature 391:493-496 (1998); Ohlmeyer et al, Nature 396:749-753 (1998); Methot et al., Cell 96:819-831 (1999)]. Therefore, it is reasonable to assume that Su(fu) activity would
10 also be controlled at various levels.

Accordingly, it would be highly desirable to find the control mechanisms behind the Sonic Hedgehog (Shh) – Patched (Ptch) signalling pathway, and to be able to use them as a basis for a pharmaceutical preparation for treating cancer and diseases influencing
15 cell differentiation and tissue development.

Summary of the Invention

The present invention relates to the field of mammalian signalling pathways, and more
20 precisely to the physical interaction between two components of the Sonic hedgehog (Shh)-Patched (Ptch) signalling pathway, namely GLI-1 and SUFUH. The invention provides peptides consisting of fragments of GLI-1 and SUFUH, respectively which are able to specifically bind to SUFUH and GLI-1, respectively. The invention also provides monoclonal antibodies and antibody fragments specifically binding to these peptides,
25 as well as pharmaceutical compositions containing the peptides, antibodies and/or antibody fragments, said pharmaceutical compositions being useful for treating cancer and diseases influencing cell differentiation and tissue development.

Detailed description of the invention

As already mentioned, the present invention relates to the physical interaction between GLI-1 and SUFUH. Accordingly, the present invention provides polypeptides derived from GLI-1 and SUFUH, respectively, which polypeptides show affinity to SUFUH and GLI-1, respectively.

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Nucleic acid sequences, peptides and proteins are referred to in the description, claims and sequence listing by the following abbreviations:

SEQ.ID.NO.1 discloses the amino acid sequence of SUFUH. This sequence has also
10 been disclosed in WO 99/32517.

SEQ.ID.NO.2 and SEQ.ID.NO.3 disclose sequences corresponding to amino acid residues 380 – 484 and 387 – 484, respectively, of SUFUH. These fragments comprise a GLI-1 binding site.

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SEQ.ID.NO.4 discloses a sequence corresponding to amino acids 387 – 405 of SUFUH. Peptides comprising this sequence have been shown to physically interact with GLI-1.

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SEQ.ID.NO.5 presents the sequence of GLI-1. It is disclosed in Kinzler et al., Nature 332:371-4.

SEQ.ID.NO.6 discloses a sequence corresponding to amino acid residues 1 – 407 of GLI-1. This fragment comprises sites physically interacting with SUFUH.

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SEQ.ID.NO.7 discloses a sequence corresponding to amino acids 381 – 407 of GLI-1. This fragment comprises sites controlling shuttling of GLI-1 and is blocked when SUFUH interacts with this protein.

SEQ.ID.NO.8 presents a sequence corresponding to amino acids 62 – 82 of GLI-1.
This fragment comprises sites binding to SUFUH.

5 SEQ.ID.NO.9 shows the amino acid sequence of SUFU from *Drosophila melanogaster*.

SEQ.ID.NO.10 presents the amino acid sequence of SUFUHA, a SUFUH variant that has been truncated in the carboxy terminal after amino acid 385.

10 SEQ.ID.NO.11 shows the amino acid sequence of haematoglutinin-tagged GLI-1.

SEQ.ID.NO.12 shows the amino acid sequence of myc-tagged SUFUH.

15 SEQ.ID.NO.13 shows the amino acid sequence of a haematoglutinin-tagged fragment comprising amino acids 1-407 of GLI-1

SEQ.ID.NO.14 shows the amino acid sequence of myc-tagged SUFUHA.

20 SEQ.ID.NO.15 shows the amino acid sequence of an amino-terminal fragment of GLI-1 comprising amino acids 1 – 525.

SEQ.ID.NO.16 shows the amino acid sequence of an amino-terminal fragment of GLI-1 comprising amino acids 1 – 525 in which leucines 495 and 501 have been altered to alanines.

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SEQ.ID.NO.17 shows the amino acid sequence of SU(FU)-XL.

SEQ.ID.NO.18 shows the amino acid sequence of SU(FU)-LK.

30 SEQ.ID.NO.19 shows the amino acid sequence of myc-tagged SU(FU)-Tt.

SEQ.ID.NO.20 shows the amino acid sequence of myc-tagged SU(FU)-XL.

SEQ.ID.NO.21 shows the amino acid sequence of myc-tagged SU(FU)-LK.

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SEQ.ID.NO.22 shows the amino acid sequence of myc-tagged SU(FU)-Tt.

SEQ.ID.NO.23 shows the DNA sequence of SUFUH.

10 SEQ.ID.NO.24 shows the DNA sequence of SUFUH-XL.

SEQ.ID.NO.25 shows the DNA sequence of SUFUH-LK.

SEQ.ID.NO.26 shows the DNA sequence of SUFUH-Tt.

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SEQ.ID.NO.27 shows the DNA sequence of GLI-1.

SEQ.ID.NOs.28-31 show the DNA sequence of four oligonucleotide primers useful in the chromosomal localization of SUFUH.

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The polypeptides of the invention have one or more of the following properties. In a first embodiment, the polypeptides comprise fragments and/or derivatives of SUFUH that interacts with GLI-1. In a second embodiment, the polypeptides comprises fragments and/or derivatives of GLI-1 that binds to SUFUH. By contacting GLI-1 and SUFUH with the polypeptides of the invention *in vivo*, it should be possible to affect the Sonic hedgehog (Shh) – Patched (Ptch) signalling pathway which could be useful in treatment of cancer.

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The nucleic acid sequences of the present invention are preferably DNA, though they may be RNA. Nucleic acid sequences of the invention will typically be in isolated or

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substantially isolated form. For example up to 80, up to 90, up to 95 or up to 100% of the nucleic acid material in a preparation of a nucleic acid of the invention will typically be nucleic acid according to the invention. Alterations, isolations or syntheses of the nucleic acid sequences of the invention may be performed by any conventional method, for example by the methods of Sambrook et al (Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual; 1989).

A substitution, deletion or insertion may suitably involve one or more amino acids, typically from one to five, one to ten or one to twenty amino acids, for example, a substitution, deletion or insertion of one, two, three, four, five, eight, ten, fifteen, or twenty amino acids. Typically, a polypeptide of the invention has at least 70% at least 80%, at least 90%, or at least 95% sequence identity to the sequence of any one of SEQ. ID. Nos. 2 to 4, or SEQ.ID.Nos 6 to 8.

In general, the physicochemical nature of the sequence of SEQ. ID. Nos. 2 to 4 or SEQ.ID.Nos 6 to 8 should be preserved in a polypeptide of the invention. Such sequences will generally be similar in charge, hydrophobicity and size to that of SEQ. ID. Nos. 2 to 4 or SEQ.ID.Nos 6 to 8. Examples of substitutions that do not greatly affect the physicochemical nature of amino acid sequences are those in which an amino acid from one of the following groups is substituted by a different amino acid from the same group:

H, R and K

I, L, V and M

A, G, S and T

D, E, Q and N.

Where polypeptides of the invention are synthesised chemically, D-amino acids (which do not occur in nature) may be incorporated into the amino acid sequence at sites where they do not affect the polypeptides biological properties. This reduces the polypeptides' susceptibility to proteolysis by the recipient's proteases.

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The nucleic acid sequences encoding the polypeptides of the invention may be extended at one or both ends by any non-wild-type sequence.

Thus, the polypeptides of the invention may be extended at either or both of the C- and N- termini by an amino acid sequence of any length. For example, an extension may comprise up to 5, up to 10, up to 20, up to 50, or up to 100 or 200 or more amino acids.

A polypeptide of the invention may be subjected to one or more chemical modifications, such as glycosylation, sulphation, COOH-amidation or acylation. In particular, polypeptides that are acetylated at the N-terminus are preferred, as are polypeptides having C-terminal amide groups. Preferred polypeptides may have one or more of these modifications. For example, particularly preferred peptides may have a C-terminal amide group and N-terminal acetylation.

A polypeptide of the invention may form part of a larger polypeptide comprising multiple copies of the sequence of one or more of SEQ. ID. Nos. 2 to 4 or SEQ.ID.Nos. 6 to 8 or a sequences related to them in any of the ways defined herein.

Polypeptides of the invention typically comprise at least 15 amino acids, for example 15 to 20, 20 to 50, 50 to 100 or 100 to 200 or 200 to 300 or 300 to 400 amino acids.

Polypeptides according to the invention may be purified or substantially purified. Such a polypeptide in substantially purified form will generally form part of a preparation in which more than 90%, for example up to 95%, up to 98% or up to 99% of the peptide material in the preparation is that of a polypeptide or polypeptides according to the in-

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vention.

A nucleic acid sequence according to the invention may be included within a vector, suitably a replicable vector, for instance a replicable expression vector.

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A replicable expression vector comprises an origin of replication so that the vector can be replicated in a host cell such as a bacterial host cell. A suitable vector will also typically comprise the following elements, usually in a 5' to 3' arrangement: a promoter for directing expression of the nucleic acid sequence and optionally a regulator of the promoter, a translational start codon and a nucleic acid sequence according to the invention encoding a polypeptide having the ability to either bind to GLI-1 or SUFUH. A non-replicable vector lacks a suitable origin at replication whilst a non-expression vector lacks an effective promoter.

10 The vector may also comprise one or more non-coding sequences 3' to the sequence encoding the polypeptide of the invention. These may be from *H. sapiens* (the organism from which the sequences of the invention are derived) or the host organism which is to be transformed with the vector or from another organism.

20 In an expression vector, the nucleic acid sequence of the invention is operably linked to a promoter capable of expressing the sequence. "Operably linked" refers to a juxtaposition wherein the promoter and the nucleic acid sequence encoding the polypeptide of the invention are in a relationship permitting the coding sequence to be expressed under the control of the promoter.

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The vector may be of any type. The vector may be in linear or circular form. For example, the vector may be a plasmid vector. Those of skill in the art will be able to prepare suitable vectors comprising nucleic acid sequences encoding polypeptides of the invention starting with widely available vectors which will be modified by genetic

engineering techniques such as those described by Sambrook et al (Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual; 1989).

5 In an expression vector, any promoter capable of directing expression of a sequence of the invention in a host cell may be operably linked to the nucleic acid sequence of the invention.

Such vectors may be used to transfect or transform a host cell. Depending on the type of vector, they may be used as cloning vectors to amplify DNA sequences according to the invention or to express this DNA in a host cell.

15 A further embodiment of the invention provides host cells harbouring vectors of the invention, i.e. cells transformed or transfected with vectors for the replication and/or expression of nucleic acid sequences according to the invention. The cells will be chosen to be compatible with the vector and may for example be bacterial cells. Transformed or transfected bacterial cells, for example *E. coli* cells, will be particularly useful for amplifying nucleic acid sequences of the invention as well as for expressing them as polypeptides.

20 The cells may be transformed or transfected by any suitable method, such as the methods described by Sambrook et al (Molecular cloning: A Laboratory Manual; 1989). For example, vectors comprising nucleic acid sequences according to the invention may be packaged into infectious viral particles, such as retroviral particles. The constructs may also be introduced, for example, by electroporation, calcium phosphate precipitation, biolistic methods or by contacting naked nucleic acid vectors with the cells in solution.

25 In the said nucleic acid vectors with which the host cells are transformed or transfected, the nucleic may be DNA or RNA, preferably DNA.

The vectors with which the host cells are transformed or transfected may be of any suitable type. The vectors may be able to effect integration of nucleic acid sequences of the invention into the host cell genome or they may remain free in the cytoplasm. For example, the vector used for transformation may be an expression vector as defined
5 herein.

The present invention also provides a process of producing polypeptides according to the invention. Such a process will typically comprise transforming or transfecting host cells with vectors comprising nucleic acid sequences according to the invention and
10 expressing the nucleic acid sequence in these cells. In this case, the nucleic acid sequence will be operably linked to a promoter capable of directing its expression in the host cell. Desirably, such a promoter will be a "strong" promoter capable of achieving high levels of expression in the host cell. It may be desirable to overexpress the polypeptide according to the invention in the host cell. Suitable host cells for this purpose
15 include yeast cells and bacterial cells, for example *E. coli*. However, other expression systems can also be used, for example baculovirus systems in which the vector is a baculovirus having in its genome nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide of the invention and expression occurs when the baculovirus is allowed to infect insect cells.

20 The thus produced polypeptide of the invention may be recovered by any suitable method known in the art. Optionally, the thus recovered polypeptide may be purified by any suitable method, for example a method according to Sambrook et al (Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual).

25 The polypeptides of the invention may also be synthesised chemically using standard techniques of peptide synthesis. For shorter polypeptides, chemical synthesis may be preferable to recombinant expression. In particular, peptides of up to 20 or up to 40 amino acid residues in length may desirably be synthesised chemically.

30 The present invention also provides antibodies to the polypeptides of the invention.

These antibodies may be monoclonal or polyclonal. For the purposes of this invention, the term "antibody", includes fragments of whole antibodies which retain their binding activity for a target antigen. Such fragments include Fv, F(ab') and F(ab').sub.2 fragments, as well as single chain antibodies.

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The antibodies may be produced by any method known in the art, such as the methods of Sambrook et al (Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual; 1989). For example, they may be prepared by conventional hybridoma techniques or, in the case of modified antibodies or fragments, by recombinant DNA technology, for example by the expression in a suitable host vector of a DNA construct encoding the modified antibody or fragment operably linked to a promoter. Suitable host cells include bacterial (for example *E. coli*), yeast, insect and mammalian cells. Polyclonal antibodies may also be prepared by conventional means which comprise inoculating a host animal, for example a rat or a rabbit, with a peptide of the invention and recovering immune serum.

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The present invention also provides pharmaceutical compositions comprising polypeptides or antibodies of the invention. In a first embodiment, the compositions comprise antibodies, fragments and/or derivatives of SUFUH that interacts with GLI-1. In a second embodiment, the compositions comprises antibodies, fragments and/or derivatives of GLI-1 that binds to SUFUH. By administering pharmaceutical compositions of the present invention to a patient in need thereof, it should be possible to affect the Sonic hedgehog (Shh) – Patched (Ptch) signalling pathway which could be useful in treatment of cancer.

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The compositions of the invention may be administered to mammals including humans by any route appropriate. Suitable routes include topical application in the mouth, oral delivery by means of tablets or capsule and parenteral delivery, including subcutaneous, intramuscular, intravenous and intradermal delivery. Preferred routes of administration are injection, typically subcutaneous or intramuscular injection.

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The compositions of the invention may be administered to the subject alone or in a liposome or associated with other delivery molecules. The effective dosage depends on many factors, such as whether a delivery molecule is used, the route of delivery and the size of the mammal being treated. Typical doses are from 0.1 to 100 mg of the polypeptide of the invention per day, for example 0.1 to 1 mg, and 1 to 5 mg, 5 to 10 mg and 10 to 100 mg per dose. Dosage schedules will vary according to, for example, the route of administration, the species of the recipient and the condition of the recipient.

While it is possible for polypeptides of the invention to be administered alone it is preferable to present them as pharmaceutical formulations. The formulations of the present invention comprise at least one active ingredient, a polypeptide or an antibody of the invention, together with one or more acceptable carriers thereof and optionally other therapeutic ingredients. The carrier or carriers must be "acceptable" in the sense of being compatible with the other ingredients of the formulation and not deleterious to the recipients thereof, for example, liposomes.

Formulations suitable for parenteral administration include aqueous and non-aqueous sterile injection solutions which may contain anti-oxidants, buffers, bacteriostats, bactericidal antibiotics and solutes which render the formulation isotonic with the blood of the intended recipient; and aqueous and non-aqueous sterile suspensions which may include suspending agents and thickening agents, and liposomes or other microparticulate systems which are designed to target the compound to blood components or one or more organs.

Of the possible formulations, sterile pyrogen-free aqueous and non-aqueous solutions are preferred. Also preferred are formulations in which the polypeptides of the invention are contained in liposomes. Injection solutions and suspensions may be prepared extemporaneously from sterile powders, granules and tablets of the kind previously described.

It should be understood that in addition to the ingredients particularly mentioned above the formulations of this invention may include other agents conventional in the art having regard to the type of formulation in question.

5 We have described a human homologue of *Drosophila* Su(fu) and presented strong evidence that the function of this protein is highly conserved. Our results are consistent with, and provide a mechanistic explanation for, the genetic data obtained from studies of *Drosophila* that indicate an inhibitory role for Su(fu) in the Hedgehog signalling pathway [Ingham et al., EMBO J. 17:3505-3511 (1998)]. We have shown, for the first
10 time, to our knowledge, that SUFUH inhibits GLI-mediated transcription and the cellular response to SHH, and our results implicate the nucleus as a new intracellular site of action for SUFUH.

Moreover, we have shown that active nuclear export is a central mechanism for exclusion of full-length GLI-1 from the nucleus, offering a plausible explanation for the observation in *Drosophila* that Ci remains cytoplasmic in cells devoid of either Su(fu) or Cos2 [Monnier et al., Curr. Biol. 8:583-586 (1998); Ingham et al., EMBO J. 17:3505-3511 (1998)]. Interestingly, it has been proposed [Methot et al., Cell 96: 819-831 (1999); Ohlmeyer et al., Nature 396:749-753 (1998)] that a separate, uncharacterized
20 activation step is required to convert full-length Ci to a transcriptional activator and it is tempting to speculate that this step involves regulation of nuclear-cytoplasmic shuttling. Further support for the biological relevance of such a regulated event comes from studies showing that GLI proteins show different subcellular distributions in different cell types [Shin et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 96:2880-2884 (1999); Ruiz i Altaba et al., Development 126:3205-3216 (1999)], and that for all analysed artificially truncated or proteolytically processed Ci or GLI 1-3 proteins, subcellular distribution is consistent with inclusion or exclusion of predicted NES motifs [Shin et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 96:2880-2884 (1999); Ruiz i Altaba et al., Development 126:3205-3216 (1999); Dai et al., J. Biol. Chem. 274:8143-8152 (1999); Aza-Blanc et al., Cell
25 89:1043-1053 (1997)] (Fig. 6b). It should be noted that in the two cases in which loca-

lization has been determined *in vivo* without vas overexpression (that is, for full-length Ci in the fly [Aza-Blanc et al., Cell 89:1043-1053 (1997)] and for GLI-1 in human BCCs [Dahmane et al., Nature 389:876-881], the localization has been primarily cytoplasmic. A likely scenario, taking into account the rôle of GLI-1 as a transforming oncoprotein and a cell-fate determinant that responds to graded levels of SHH signaling, involves a finely tuned balance of activated nuclear entry and nuclear export.

The retention of GLI-1 in the cytoplasm by SUFUH when nuclear export is compromised, and the similar SUFUH-mediated retention in the cytoplasm of an otherwise constitutively nuclear truncated GLI-1 variant that lacks the NES, indicates that SUFUH could block nuclear entry of GLI-1, possibly by masking a nuclearlocalization signal, and thereby inhibit transcriptional activation of target genes (Fig. 8). Consistent with this idea, a truncated SUFUH variant unable to repress GLI1-induced transcriptional activation is also unable to modify the subcellular localization of GLI-1.

Whether or not binding of SUFUH to GLI-1 on DNA, or elsewhere in the nuclear compartment, actually acts to repress or block activation of transcription, alone or in combination with cytoplasmic retention of GLI-1, remains an interesting question for future studies. The expression of Sufu in cells next to Shh- or Ihh-producing cells during mouse and human embryogenesis, coupled with the ability of Sufu to inhibit Gli-mediated transcriptional activation, indicates that an important function of Sufu may be to act in an intracellular negative feedback mechanism and to impose thresholds on the responsiveness of cells to Shh and Ihh. A similar role for D-Axin has been proposed as regards Wingless signalling in *Drosophila* [Hamada et al., Science 283:1739-1742 (1999)].

Finally, GLI-1 is an oncoprotein that is able to transform cells *in vitro* in corporation with E1A [Ruppert et al., Mol. Cell Biol. 11:1724-1728 (1991)]; overexpression of GLI-1 induces epidermal tumours in frogs and consistent overexpression of GLI-1 is observed in BCCs [Dahmane et al., Nature 389:876-881 (1997)]. This possibility is now being investigated in both human and murine systems.

We have also found two organ-specific expression variants of SU(FU) which might provide a further regulatory mechanism. Both these variants lack the ability of binding GLI1 thereby uncoupling the transcription factor from one of its cytoplasmic retention mechanisms. The sources of both variants, testis and leukocytes, are proliferating tissues. Since in both cases the variants contributed only partially to the total amount of SU(FU) expressed, it might be a particular subpopulation of cells which expresses them. Since we have found that SU(FU) is expressed in all adult tissues with comparable abundance, it is possible that in the adult the activity of SU(FU) is not primarily regulated by the level of SU(FU) transcription but rather by the exon composition. Another transcriptional variation has been described [Stone et al., *J. Cell Science* **112**:4437-4448 (1999)] which is expressed dominantly in testis and has the N-terminal 432 amino acids in common with the standard SU(FU) but then a STOP codon after one further altered amino acid. According to our data this variant comprises exons 1-10.

In the embryo, Su(fu) was expressed with tissue-specific preference. As stated above, the sites of expression grossly congrue with the sites of expression of other members of the hedgehog signalling pathway, in particular with the expression of Gli3. However, in detail this overlap is not found in all cases, and it is not always complete. In some cases the expression of Su(fu) is more restricted than the expression of Gli1. For example in mouse skin, until dpc 15.5, Su(fu) is expressed only in the vibrissae follicles stronger than the general background while Gli1 is expressed in vibrissae and pelagic hair follicles from their onset [St-Jaques et al., *Curr. Biol.* **8**:1058-1068 (1998)]. In other cases the expression of Gli1 is more restricted than the expression of Su(fu). For example, Gli1 [Hynes et al., *Neuron* **19**:15-26 (1997)] and Gli2 [Matise et al., *Development* **125**:2759-2770 (1998)] were reported to be expressed only in parts of the brain and the neural tube. In contrast, Su(fu) was expressed in the entire brain and spinal cord. Furthermore, we found examples where predominant Su(fu) and Gli expression sites are adjacent to each other (Gli1 was shown to be expressed in the papillal

epidermis of the tongue [Hall et al., J. Comp. Neurol. **406**:143-155 (1999)], while Su(fu) was expressed in the tongue mesenchyme). Since Gli1 activity is negatively controlled by Su(fu) and Gli1 expression is a positive target of Gli1 activity the expression of Gli1 could be modulated by the expression of Su(fu). By inducing the transcription both of Ptch1 and of itself, Gli1 triggers a negative and a positive feedback cycle. We do not know which of these activities would dominate under physiological conditions. Therefore we cannot anticipate that Su(fu) should always have an inhibitory effect on hedgehog signalling. Furthermore, it is possible that Gli1 could influence the expression pattern of the other types of Gli at neighbouring sites. One such example was observed in the digits where Gli1 and Su(fu) are expressed in the condensing mesenchyme while Gli2 and Gli3 are expressed in the interdigital mesenchyme [Mo et al., Development **124**:113-123 (1997)]. However, only in Gli2 and Gli3 mutant mice the development of the long and short bones of the limbs is affected [Mo et al., Development **124**:113-123 (1997)] while in Gli1 mutant mice (deletion of the zinc finger region) development appears to be normal [Park et al., Development **127**:1593-1605 (2000)].

We have investigated the possibility that the mammalian SU(FU) and Su(fu) would be the genes responsible for the SHFM3 and Dac disorders. During the course of these studies the Dac mutation was identified as an alteration in the previously unknown F-Box/WD40 gene *dactylin* [Sidow et al., Nat. Genet. **23**:104-107 (1999)]. At the same time, the human homolog for *dactylin* was also published [Ivankev et al., Biochem. Biophys. Res. Commun. **261**:64-70 (1999)]. For the human *Dactylin*, however, a link to SHFM3 is not yet demonstrated.

A role of *SU(FU)* in *SHFM3* still appears as an intriguing possibility not only because of a possible functional relation of *dactylin* and Su(fu) and because of the overlapping of their chromosomal loci but also because SU(FU) and other members of the hedgehog signalling pathway are expressed at the ossification zone of the digits in mice (this report) and humans. Moreover, other members of the hedgehog signalling pathway

were shown to be involved in anomalies of finger development. Preaxial polydactyly in mouse has been shown to be caused by ectopic expression of Indian hedgehog in the limbs which results in ectopic Gli1 expression [Yang et al., Development 125:3123-3132 (1998)]. A loss of function-mutation in *GLI3*, associated with an increased Sonic hedgehog expression, has been shown to cause Postaxial Polydactyly Type A1 (41)[Radhakrishna et al., Am. J. Hum. Genet. 56:597-604 (1997)] and Extratoes (Xt), a similar disorder, in the mouse [Hui et al., Nat. Genet. 3:241-246 (1993)]. Other hereditary syndroms with a polydactyly phenotype in which *GLI3* is mutated are Greigs cephalopolysyndactyly [Vortkamp et al., Nature 352:539-540 (1991)] and Pallister-Hall syndrome [Jang et al., J. Med. Genet. 34:441-446 (1997)]. Thus, increased hedgehog signalling appears to correlate well with poly- and syndactyly. A decrease in digit number may conversely be associated with a repression of hedgehog signalling. Su(fu) is an antagonist of both Gli1 and Gli3 and gain of function mutations in Su(fu) would further reduce intracellular transduction of a hedgehog signal. As discussed by Özen et al., for all other known genes which are located in the same region (*FGF8*, *PAX2*, *ZNF32*, *FGFR2*, *HOX11*, *HMX2*, *WNT8b*, *LDB1*, *LBX1*, and *PITX1*) identity with the SHFM3 locus is unlikely for various reasons [Özen et al., Am. J. Hum. Genet. 64:1646-1654 (1999)].

We have discovered a novel phenotype in the Dac mice which is the delay of ossification of that part of the skull that emerges under the membrane of the developing brain in direct vicinity to the neural tissue and which is similar to the human Adams-Oliver syndrome [Chitayat et al., Am. J. Med. Genet. 44:562-566 (1992)]. Ossification here begins in wild-type mice at dpc 16.5 and has at dpc 17.5 already further progressed than in the Dac homozygous mouse at dpc 1 [Kaufman, The atlas of mouse development, Acad. Press Ltd. London, GB (1992)]. At dpc 15.5, the latest stage that we have investigated, Su(fu) was expressed strongly in the brain as it was during the entire period, but very weakly in the skin surrounding the brain.

It has been reported that Shh and Ptch1 are expressed in the osteogenic fronts of the calvarial bones [Kim et al., Development 125:1241-1251 (1998)]. Expression was confined to the osteogenic fronts and later to the sutures between the parietal and between the parietal and the occipital bones, which are the bones affected in the Dac mouse, but not in the coronar suture which lays between affected and unaffected bones. This congrues very well with the assumption that a component of the hedgehog signalling pathway might be involved in causing the Dac phenotype. However, since no such calvarial phenotype has been reported for SHFM3 patients, SHFM3 and Dac may be similar but not identical, or the lack of this phenotype in humans may reflect species differences.

The invention will be further described with reference to the enclosed figures and tables, in which:

Table 1 shows exon-intron boundaries of the human *SU(FU)* and mouse *Su(fu)* genes;

Figure 1 presents the predicated amino-acid sequence (SEQ.ID.NO.1) encoded by the SUFUH gene and its expression in adult human tissues and mouse embryos.

a, The SUFUH amino-acid sequence (lower lines) is 40% identical to the *Drosophila melanogaster* Su(fu) sequence (SEQ.ID.NO.9)(upper lines). In the human sequence, the N-terminal part of the protein consists of a series of 20 short (A, G, P) and short hydroxylated (S, T) amino acids only (amino acids 6-25), including a duplicated PGPTAPPA motif (underlined), which is not found in the fly sequence. The region between amino acids 31 and 151 of SUFUH is highly conserved from fly to humans, with the C-terminal region exhibiting somewhat less similarity. A potential PEST motif in the *Drosophila* sequence (amino acids 308-327) [Pham et al., Genetics 140:587-598 (1995)] is not conserved in the human sequence. Vertical lines between the two sequences indicate identical amino acids; two dots indicate small and one dot indicates large evolutionary distance between the amino acids.

b, A human multiple-tissue northern blot was probed with a fragment corresponding to base pairs, 1,182-1,630 of the human *SUFUH* cDNA. The sizes of the detected

mRNAs are ~ 5.5-6 and 2.8 kilobases (kb), respectively. An extra hybridizing band of 4.4 kb was observed in the heart only. 1, Heart; 2, brain; 3, placenta; 4, lung; 5, liver; 6, skeletal muscle; 7, kidney; 8, pancreas.

c, *Sufu* expression in the mouse embryo. Whole-mount *in situ* hybridization of an NMRI mouse embryo with a murine *Sufu* cDNA probe at d.p.c. 12.5; lateral view. The interfollicular tissue of the vibrissae field, the vertebral column and the interdigital mesenchyme are stained;

Figure 2 shows that *SUFUH* and *PTCH1* are both highly expressed in osteoblasts in the perichondrium during human embryonic bone formation. Expression of the *SUFUH* and *PTCH1* mRNAs co-localize in osteoblasts in the perichondrium in the forming finger bones of a 12-week-old human embryo, as visualized by bright-field (a-d) and dark-field (e) photomicrography. a, An overview of the embryonic fingers counterstained with haematoxylin and eosin, b, A section of a finger hybridized with an antisense *SUFUH* mRNA probe, showing a strong autoradiographic signal (black grains) in the osteoblasts in the perichondrium (arrow) next to the chondrocytes (c). c, A serial section hybridized with a sense *SUFUH* probe showed no signal, d, e, Paired bright- and dark-field photomicrographs showing abundant *PTCH1* mRNA signal in the same cellular compartment as shown in b. Scale bar in a represents 230 μm and in b-e represents 24 μm ;

Figure 3 discloses that *SUFUH* inhibits transcriptional and biological activity of GLI-1. a-c, 293 or d-f, C3H10T1/2 cells were transiently transfected with a reporter construct and/or with indicated expression constructs. a, The reporter was a 4,3-kb fragment of the *PTCH1* promoter connected to the luciferase reporter gene. Expression of *SUFUH* alone has no effect on reporter gene activity whereas transfection of GLI-1 results in a five- to sixfold increase in luciferase activity. This activation can be inhibited by co-transfection of *SUFUH* in a dose-dependent manner. Values shown in parentheses are concentrations of *SUFUH*-expressing plasmid. b, Similar to the experiment shown in a, except that the reporter construct was a synthetic enhancer consisting

of 12 copies of the GLI-binding consensus site [Undén et al., Cancer Res. 57:2336-2340 (1997)] linked to the thymidine kinase (TK) basal promoter and the luciferase reporter gene. The results are qualitatively the same as those obtained with the *PTCH1* promoter except that GLI-1 activates this construct much more (200-300-fold). A corrected haemagglutinin-tagged GLI-1 construct (SEQ.ID.NO.11)(WTGLI1) activates the reporter even more strongly and this activation can be suppressed by coexpression of SUFUH but not by a construct containing the 385 N-terminal amino acids of SUFUH (SUFUHA)(SEQ.ID.NO.10). c, SUFUH does not nonspecifically suppress transactivation by an unrelated transcription factor. A reporter containing two copies of a glucocorticoid response element connected to the TK basic promoter and luciferase reporter gene was used. The reporter is activated by a constitutively active glucocorticoid receptor (τ lc) in which the DNA-binding domain is directly fused to the transactivation domain. d, Osteogenic differentiation of C3H10T1/2 cells transfected with GLI-1, detected by alkaline phosphatase staining. e, Example of a field of alkaline-phosphatase-negative cells (in this case transfected with both GLI-1 and SUFUH). f, Quantification of the differentiation assays, based on three independent experiments. The number of alkaline-phosphatase-positive cells following the transfection of different expression constructs is indicated. GLI-1 strongly induces osteogenic differentiation; this can be inhibited by full-length but not by truncated SUFUH. The N-terminal fragment of SHH also induces differentiation of C3H10T1/2 cells; this can be blocked by coexpression of SUFUH. The y-axis denotes the number of positive cells per transfected 35-mm well;

Figure 4 shows that SUFUH and GLI1 interact physically. The expression constructs used in this experiment were epitope-tagged (SUFUH with Myc and GLI-1 with haemagglutinin (HA)) and transfections to 293 cells were done as indicated. a, Full-length GLI-1 and SUFUH interact. The anti-Myc antibody does not precipitate HA-tagged GLI-1 when only HA-GLI1 (SEQ.ID.NO.11)(lane 1) or Myc-SUFUH (SEQ.ID.NO.12)(lane 2) is expressed in the cells. However, HA-GLI1 is already precipitated by the anti-Myc antibody in cells co-transfected with both constructs (lane 3).

Conversely, Myc-SUFUH is not present in anti-HA precipitates from cells transfected with HA-GLI1 (lane 4) or Myc-SUFUH (lane 5) alone but is present when cells are co-transfected with both constructs (lane 6). IP, immunoprecipitation. Relative molecular mass standards (in thousands) are indicated to the sides of the gels. b, A C-terminally truncated GLI-1 construct containing the 407 N-terminal amino acids (GLI1(N407)(SEQ.ID.NO.13)) interacts with SUFUH, HA-GLI1(N407)(SEQ.ID.NO.13) co-precipitates with Myc-SUFUH (SEQ.ID.NO.12) only when they are co-expressed (lane 2). c, SUFUHA (SEQ.ID.NO.10) does not interact with GLI-1. Lane 1, an anti-Myc immunoprecipitation from cells expressing Myc-SUFUHA (SEQ.ID.NO.14) and HA-GLI1 (SEQ.ID.NO.11); lane 2, lysate containing both proteins. d, Both SUFUH (SEQ.ID.NO.1) and SUFUHA (SEQ.ID.NO.10) are produced at comparable levels and with the expected relative molecular masses. Lysates from cells transfected with Myc-SUFUH (SEQ.ID.NO.12) or Myc-SUFUHA (SEQ.ID.NO.14) were blotted with anti-Myc antibodies, e, SUFUH does not associate nonspecifically with expression constructs for $\text{I}\kappa\text{B}\alpha$ or anti-Myc antibodies as indicated;

Figure 5 reveals that SUFUH but not SUFUHA retains nuclear GLI-1 variants in the cytoplasm. Subcellular localization of SUFUH and GLI-1 constructs was determined after transfection of epitope-tagged constructs into 293 cells. In each case, 450 ng of specific plasmid DNA was used, resulting in a 1:1 ratio in cotransfections. This ratio was shown previously (Fig. 3a, b) to cause strong transcriptional inhibition. a, SUFUH (SEQ.ID.NO.1) localizes to the cytoplasm and the nucleus, as determined by immunofluorescent microscopy. b, C-terminally truncated SUFUHA (SEQ.ID.NO.10) is also present in both cytoplasm and nucleus. c, EGFP-tagged GLI-1 shows cytoplasmic localization. d, EGFP-tagged GLI1(N407) is constitutively nuclear. e, f, EGFP-GLI1(N407) is partially retained in the cytoplasm by coexpression of SUFUH(e)(SEQ.ID.NO.1) but not SUFUHA(f) (SEQ.ID.NO.10). SUFUH was detected by indirect immunofluorescence; EGFP-GLI1 constructs were visualized di-

rectly (green); nuclei were stained with Hoechst dye (blue). The overlap of the two colours appears turquoise;

Figure 6 shows that GLI-1 accumulates in the nucleus when nuclear export is inhibited.

- 5 a, A deletion construct containing the 525 N-terminal amino acids of GLI-1 (SEQ.ID.NO.15) is located in both the nucleus and the cytoplasm. b, The sequence of the putative NES in GLI-1 is conserved in all vertebrate species; the position of the first leucine in the protein sequence is indicated. Ci contains a putative NES in the same region (starting at amino acid 774) as well as two extra ones, at least one of which is conserved in vertebrate GLI-2 and GLI-3. c, A mutated GLI1(N525) (SEQ.ID.NO.16) protein, with leucines 495 and 501 mutated to alanines, localizes exclusively to the nucleus. d, Full-length GLI-1 (SEQ.ID.NO.5) translocates to the nucleus when nuclear export is inhibited by the addition of leptomycin B (LMB, 5 nM). e, Coexpression of SUFUH inhibits nuclear accumulation of GLI-1 in the presence of
- 10 LMB. f, The C-terminally truncated SUFUHΔ (SEQ.ID.NO.10) construct has no effect on GLI-1 nuclear accumulation. The EGFP-GLI1 proteins appear green; the nuclei are stained blue with Hoechst dye; and the overlap between the two colours appears turquoise. For transfections, 405 ng specific plasmid DNA was used, resulting in a 1:1 ratio in co-transfections;

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- Figure 7 discloses that SUFUH can form a complex with constitutively nuclear GLI-1 variants bound to DNA. a, Nuclear GLI1(N407) (SEQ.ID.NO.6) expressed in 293 cells forms a specific complex with the consensus (labelled) GLI-binding oligonucleotide (lane 1); addition of excess unlabelled GLI oligonucleotide outcompetes the labelled oligonucleotide (lane 2). Coexpression of SUFUH results in complexes that are more retarded (lane 3); these complexes, by supershifting with anti-tag antibodies (anti-Myc for SUFUH and anti-EGFP for GLI1(N407), were shown to contain both GLI1(N407) (lane 4) and SUFUH (lane 5). Analysis of nuclear extracts after transfection of SUFUH alone revealed no retarded complex (late 6). b, Coexpression of SUFUH causes a re-
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- 30 distribution of GLI1(N407) from the nuclear pellet to the nuclear extract and appear-

ance of GLI1(N407) in the cytoplasmic fraction. The cytoplasmic and nuclear extracts were prepared in parallel using cells from three plates for each condition as described [Ausubel et al., Current Protocols in Molecular Biology (John Wiley, New York 1987)], using 1,2 M KCl for nuclear extraction. The remaining nuclear pellet was solubilized in SDS sample buffer and GLI1(N407) was detected by western blotting using anti-EGFP antibodies (Clontech). 15 µg protein from cytoplasmic and nuclear extracts or 5 µl solubilized nuclear pellet was loaded in each well. This represents 3%, 15% and 2,5% of the total cytoplasmic extract, nuclear extract and nuclear pellet, respectively. Relative molecular mass standards (in thousands) are indicated at the right;

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Figure 8 discloses a model for the role of SUFUH in the nuclear-cytoplasmic shuttling of GLI1. GLI-1 is normally kept in the cytoplasm by active nuclear export mediated by its NES. We propose that SUFUH acts to inhibit GLI1-mediated transcriptional activation and thereby modulate cellular responsiveness to SHH/IHH. This inhibition can occur by preventing nuclear access of GLI-1, either by anchoring GLI-1 in the cytoplasm or by masking its putative NLS. SUFUH may also interfere with GLI-1 function in the nucleus by binding to GLI-1 on the DNA;

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Figure 9 relates to organization and structure of the mouse *Suppressor of fused (Su(fu))* gene locus and cDNAs. A) The mouse *Su(fu)* gene as assembled from mapping and partial sequencing of BAC clones 17985 and 17986. Boxes indicate position of exons. Filled and unfilled boxes indicate coding and non-coding regions, respectively. Arrows indicate direction of the transcriptional unit for *Su(fu)* and the linked upstream gene for *actin-related protein 1 α-isoform (Arp1)* and the downstream gene for *ADP-ribosyl-like protein 3 (Arl3)*. Only the exon containing the ATG translational start of *Arp1* and the exon after the ATG-containing exon of *Arl3* have been mapped and sequenced. Double arrowheads indicate start and end of BAC clones. Restriction enzyme sites of a selected set that have been sequenced and/or mapped are shown. Not all sites of the indicated enzymes have been mapped. E, EcoRI; B, BamHI; H, HindIII; K, KpnI; Xb, XbaI; Sm, SmaI. B) Structure of the fully sequenced mouse *Su(fu)* EST cDNAs

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1195307 (mammary gland), 513730 (testis), 1224813 (heart), and 963990 (mammary gland), from the IMAGE consortium collection. Numbers 1 through 12 indicate the *Su(fu)* exons drawn to scale for a full-length mRNA transcript. ATG and TAG indicate the translational start and stop, respectively. The thick line represent the structural composition of each of the four EST clones positioned relative to the hypothetical full-length transcript;

Figure 10 shows transcriptional variations of human SU(FU). A. RT-PCR of a SU(FU)-fragment containing the exons 5 to 9 from various tissues. Tt and Lk indicate the respective variations. The other minor bands in lane 3 and lane 4 represent PCR products which are not related to SU(FU). B. Same as in A, after EcoNI digestion. The lower band represents the EcoNI susceptible SU(FU)-XL variant (SEQ.ID.NO.17). Since the mobility of the EcoNI-digested fragment equals the mobility of the SU(FU)-Lk band (SEQ.ID.NO.18), lane 8 was omitted here. Lane 1, thymus; 2, prostate; 3, spleen; 4, testis; 5, colon; 6, ovary; 7, small intestine; 8, peripheral leukocytes. C. Sequence of the intron 8a in SU(FU)-Tt (SEQ.ID.NO.19). The letters in italics signify the flanking exons 8 and 9;

Figure 11 discloses that Myc-SU(FU)-Lk (SEQ.ID.NO.21) and myc-SU(FU)-Tt (SEQ.ID.NO.22) cannot coprecipitate HA-GLI1 (SEQ.ID.NO.11). Each 10 µg of HA-GLI1 (SEQ.ID.NO.11) and myc-SU(FU)-Lk (SEQ.ID.NO.21)(lane 1), myc-SU(FU)-Tt (SEQ.ID.NO.22)(lane 2), myc-SU(FU)-XL (SEQ.ID.NO.20)(lane 3) and myc-SU(FU) (SEQ.ID.NO.12)(lane 4) were transfected into 293 cells. Lysates were precipitated with anti-myc (A) and anti-HA (B) antibodies and blotted with anti-myc antiserum. The numbers to the left indicate the positions of the molecular weight marker (kD) for each blot. The arrowhead next to blot B indicates the position of the coprecipitated myc-SU(FU)-XL (SEQ.ID.NO.20) and myc-SU(FU) (SEQ.ID.NO.12);

Figure 12 shows whole mount in situ hybridization of mouse embryos with a *Su(fu)* antisense probe. A. dpc 8.5. Somites and the neural tube hybridize with the probe. B.

dpc 9.5 lateral view. f, forelimb; h, heart; m, mandibular arch, s, somites; *, the mesenchyme surrounding the prospective mouth cavity. C. dpc 9.5, lateral view, prior to clearance with glycerol. nt, neural tube. D. dpc 10.5, dorsal view. b, brain vesicles. E. dpc 10.5, dorsal view of the tail after removal of the skin. drg, dorsal root ganglia. F. dpc 9.5, sagittal view. Besides the heart, the dorsal aorta (da) and the intersegmentary arteries (is) are stained. G. dpc 13.5, sagittal view. Most prominent is the staining of the spinal cord (sc) and the brain (b). Mandible (m), tongue (t), genital tubercle (g), and the mesenchyme close to the vertebrae (v) are also stained. H-J Staining of the mesenchyme adjacent to the ossification zone of the digits in the hindlimb at dpc 13.5 (H), 14.5 (I), 15.5 (J). The lines point to the Su(fu) expressing areas which moves distally with time. K. dpc 14.5 sagittal section of the snout. At this point, mainly the tongue (t) expresses Su(fu). Less staining was detected at the distalmost part of the snout (arrow) and of the mandible. L. dpc 15.5, sagittal view of the dorsal part of the thorax. The lines point to the Su(fu) expressing tracheoles; and

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Figure 13 relates to Alizarin-Alcian Blue staining of the skull of a dpc 0 Dac/Dac (A) and wild type (B) mouse. While the occipital (O) and the frontal bones (F) are ossified in both cases (red staining), the supraoccipital (S), intraparietal (I), and parietal (P) bones are ossified in wildtype only, while in the Dac/Dac mouse there is poorly segmented cartilagenous mass (blue). Note also that the curvature of the skull is much flatter in the Dac/Dac mouse.

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The invention will now be further disclosed in the following experimental part.

25 Experimental part

General Methods relating to Examples 1 - 8:

Cloning of mammalian SUFUH

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ESTs for the human and mouse *Su(fu)* homologues were obtained from Genome Systems. The nucleotide sequence of the ESTs were determined and a full-length cDNA of the human *Su(fu)* homologue, referred to as *SUFUH*, was obtained by RACE, essentially as described [Zaphiropolous et al., DNA Cell. Biol. 15:1049-1056 (1996)].

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Northern blot hybridization

Multiple tissue northern blots with human RNAs were obtained from Clontech. Fragments of the human *SUFUH* clone (SEQ.ID.NO.23) corresponding to base pairs 1,182-1,630 and to the 3' untranslated region were labelled with ³²P using the Megaprime DNA-labelling kit (Amersham) and hybridized to these blots. After stripping the blots with 1% SDS, the amount and quality of the RNA was monitored with a probe specific for β -actin.

15 In situ hybridization

Digoxin-labelled riboprobes for murine *Sufu* were prepared using the DIG RNA-labelling kit (Boehringer Mannheim) using the mouse *Sufu* EST as a template and Sp6 and T7 polymerase to make sense and antisense probes, respectively. Timely mated NMRI mice were killed and the embryos collected, and, after fixation with 4% paraformaldehyde, whole-mount *in situ* hybridization was done according to standard procedures [Wilkinson, In Situ Hybridization: A Practical Approach (IRL, Oxford 1992)]. The hybridizing probe was detected using the DIG nucleic acid detection kit (Boehringer Mannheim). Unspecific binding of the probe was monitored by comparison of samples hybridized with sense and antisense probes.

Radioactive *in situ* hybridization was done as described [Undén et al., Cancer Res. 57:2336-2340 (1997)]. Briefly, a human *SUFUH* cDNA clone (SEQ.ID.NO.23) containing the complete coding region and a human *PTCH1* cDNA fragment (base pairs 190-628) were used to generate ³⁵S-labelled RNA probes. Sections were treated with

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proteinase K and washed in 0,1 M triethanolamine buffer containing 0,25% acetic anhydride. Sections were hybridized with $2,5 \times 10^6$ c.p.m. of each of the labelled anti-sense and sense probes at 55°C. Autoradiographic exposure lasted for 2 days for *SUFUH* and 2 weeks for *PTCH1*. Formalin-fixed sections from a 12-week-old human embryo were obtained from the Department of Pediatric Pathology, Karolinska Hospital, Sweden.

Epitope-tagged expression constructs

- 10 Wild-type *GLI-1* was generated by PCR mutagenesis using oligonucleotides leading to a sequence change of G to A position 2,876 of the *GLI-1* cDNA (SEQ.ID.NO.27) [Hynes, Neuron 19:15-26 (1997)]. Using the full-length cDNA clones encoding *SUFUH*, a variant of *SUFUH* truncated after amino acid 385 (*SUFUHA*)(SEQ.ID.NO.10) and human wild-type *GLI-1* (SEQ.ID.NO.5) as templates, we generated plasmids coding for *SUFUH* (SEQ.ID.NO.1) and *SUFUHA* (SEQ.ID.NO.10) with an N-terminal Myc-epitope tag [Evan et al., Mol. Cell. Biol. 5:3610-3616 (1985)], and plasmid encoding human *GLI-1* with an N-terminal haemagglutinin tag (SEQ.ID.NO.11) [Pate, Gene 114:285-288 (1992)], after ligation into the CMV-5 expression vector. *GLI-1* was subcloned into the EGFP-C3 vector (Clontech) for localization studies.
- 20 *GLI1(N407)*(SEQ.ID.NO.6) was constructed by digesting the *GLI-1* expression vector with *XcmI* and *XbaI* and *GLI1(N525)*(SEQ.ID.NO.15) by digesting the *GLI-1* expression vector with *KpnI* and *XbaI* restriction enzymes followed by religation after blunt-ending. Leucines 495 and 501 were mutated to alanine in *GLI(N525)*(SEQ.ID.NO.16) by PCR-mediated mutagenesis (the first two nucleotides in codons 495 and 501 were mutated from CT to GC, resulting in the indicated amino-acid change). All PCR-general constructs were verified by sequencing.

Transient transfections

Human 293 cells (transformed kidney epithelial cell line) and C3H 10T1/2 cells (murine fibroblast cell line) were obtained from ATCC and grown according to the supplier's specifications. Cells were passaged to plates the day before the experiments and transfections were carried out with DNA complexed to the Superfect transfection reagent (Qiagen) according to the manufacturer's instruction. Expression was analysed 24 h, and differentiation 96 h, after transfections.

Reporter-gene and differentiation assays

The *PTCH-luc* construct [Shin et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 96:2880-2884 (1999)] and the *2Gluc-RE-TKO-luc* construct activable by a constitutively active glucocorticoid receptor, τ lc [Almlöf et al., Mol. Cell. Biol. 17:934-945 (1997)] have been described. The *12GLI-RE-TKO-luc* construct was generated by ligating annealed oligonucleotides corresponding to *GLI* consensus sequence into the *TKO-luc* vector. Luciferase assays were carried out as described construct [Shin et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 96:2880-2884 (1999)]. The results from at least four experiments from two independent transfections were compiled. The differentiation assays were done as described [Murone et al., curr. Biol. 9:76-84 (1999)]. Briefly, 4 days after transfection of the indicated constructs, cells were fixed and stained for alkaline phosphatase activity with X-phos and pNBT (SIGMA) according to the manufacturer's instructions. The positive cells in each well were counted and at least three independent experiments were compiled for quantitative results.

Immunoprecipitations and western blotting

Lysates were prepared in immunoprecipitation buffer (PBS, 1% Nonidet-P40, protease inhibitors); immunoprecipitations were performed using 0,4 µg rabbit anti-haemagglutinin antibody and 20 µl packed protein G plus protein A agarose or 50 µl agarose-conjugated anti-Myc beads and separated along with the lysates on 7,5% SDS-PAGE, transferred to poly(vinylidene)fluoride (PVDF) membrane (Millipore), and in-

cubated with the indicated primary (Santa Cruz Biotechnology) and corresponding secondary horseradish-peroxidase-conjugated antibodies (Jackson ImmunoResearch). Following washes, enhanced chemiluminescence detection (Pierce) was performed according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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Localization studies

239 cells were transfected with appropriate expression constructs and, where indicated, 5 mM leptomycin B was added to the cells for the last 6 h. The cells were fixed for 10 min in 2% formaldehyde, 0,2% glutaraldehyde and PBS, then permeabilized in PBSTX (PBS, 0,05% Triton-X100). Myc-SUFUH (SEQ.ID.NO.12) was detected by indirect immunofluorescent staining whereas EGFP constructs were detected directly by microscopy. Nuclei were stained with the Hoechst dye ($1 \mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$). At least 50 transfected cells were inspected in every case, all of which showed a similar staining pattern. For fluorescent microscopy we used a Leitz DMR confocal microscope (Leica); the images were captured with an ORBIS, cooled, chargecoupled-device camera (Spectrasource Instruments) and analysed using Slidebook software (Intelligent Imaging Innovations).

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Subcellular fractionation and EMSAs

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Nuclear and cytoplasmic extracts were prepared from cells transfected with either *SUFUH* or *GLII(n407)* or both constructs, using standard protocols [Ausubel et al., Current Protocols in Molecular Biology (John Wiley, New York 1987)]. The nuclear extracts were incubated with end-labelled GLI-RE double-stranded oligonucleotides [Pham et al., Genetics 140:587-598 (1995)] in the presence or absence of excess unlabelled oligonucleotides or anti-tag antibodies. The extracts were prepared and the complexes formed were resolved and detected as described [Ausubel et al., Current Protocols in Molecular Biology (John Wiley, New York 1987)].

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30 **Example 1: Cloning of human *SUFUH*.**

By searching the expressed sequence tag (EST) database for genes homologous to the *Drosophila melanogaster Su(fu)* [Pham et al., Genetics 140:587-598 (1995)], we found two clones encoding partial human and murine homologues. Starting with the human EST, we cloned the complete coding region of the gene named *SUFUH* by rapid amplification of cDNA ends (RACE) technology. The resulting cDNA encompasses 2,239 base pairs and encodes a protein of 484 amino acids (SEQ.ID.NO.1). The *SUFUH* amino-acid sequence shows no striking homology to any other protein described so far, and shares 40% identity and 61% similarity with the *Drosophila* sequence (Fig. 1a)(SEQ.ID.NO.9). The region between amino acids 31 and 124 of *SUFUH* is highly conserved, being 66% identical to the *Drosophila* sequence, whereas the remaining parts have an identity of 32%. The partial murine *Sufu* amino-acid sequence is 98% identical to the human sequence.

Example 2: Expression of *SUFUH* in adult and embryonic tissues.

SUFUH (SEQ.ID.NO.1) was expressed in all adult human tissues tested (Fig. 1b). We detected two messenger RNAs, a minor, 2.8-kilobase, band and a major, 5.5-6-kilobase, band. Similar hybridization patterns were seen with probes corresponding to the coding region and to the 3'-untranslated region, indicating that the two mRNAs may be processing variants. The use of an alternative polyadenylation signals is also suggested by the identification of other mouse ESTs containing additional 3'-untranslated regions (our unpublished observations).

To test whether vertebrate *Sufu* is expressed in a pattern consistent with a potential role in mediating Shh signalling during embryogenesis, we used whole-mount in situ hybridization to analyse *Sufu* expression in mouse embryos at days 8.5 to 15.5 post-coitum (d.p.c.). Throughout the entire period we observed signals in the neural tube and, at the later stages, in its derivatives, brain and spinal cord (data not shown). The somites expressed *Sufu* at all stages; the vibrissae field stained positively for *Sufu* from

d.p.c. 12.5 and onwards, with the vibrissae themselves being spared. The *Sufu* expression pattern during limb-bud development appeared to be separated into two distinct phases, with strong homogeneous staining all over the limb buds being observed from their emergence at d.p.c. 9.5, whereas at d.p.c. 12.5 only the interdigital mesenchyme of the limbs stained positively (Fig. 1c). This expression pattern partially overlaps with the expression of *Ptch* and the *Ci* homologues *Gli* 1-3, and is compatible with a conserved role for *Sufu* in *Shh* signalling.

To substantiate this observation in more detail and in the human system, we analysed the expression of *SUFUH* and *PTCH1* in the developing limb of a 12-week-old human embryo by radioactive *in situ* hybridization (Fig. 2a-e). The results show marked *SUFUH* expression in the osteoblasts of the perichondrium, where *PTCH1* is also highly expressed. These findings are consistent with earlier observations in the avian and murine systems, in which *Ptch1* and *Gli1* are highly expressed in the same type of cells in response to *Ihh* secretion by prehypertrophic chondrocytes [Vortkamp et al., Science 273:613-622 (1996); Vortkamp et al., Mech. Dev. 71:65-76 (1998)]. Taken together, these results show that *SUFUH* is preferentially expressed in cells that receive a Hedgehog signal, and indicate that, during embryogenesis, *SUFUH* may be co-regulated with *PTCH1* and *GLI1*. However, further studies will be required to demonstrate this relationship unequivocally, as well as to show a direct regulation of *SUFUH* by Hedgehog signalling.

Example 3: *SUFUH* inhibits transcriptional activity of *GLI-1*.

In a more direct attempt to confirm a role for *SUFUH* in *SHH-PTCH-GLI* signalling, we used reporter gene assays to analyse the effect of co-transfection of *SUFUH* and *GLI-1* on *GLI1*-activated transcription and biological responses. As a reporter we used the firefly luciferase gene, controlled either by the human *PTCH1* promoter containing two well-conserved *GLI*-binding consensus sites (Fig. 3a, *PTCH-luc*) or by a synthetic promoter consisting of 12 repeated *GLI* consensus sites fused to the thymidi-

ne kinase basic promoter (Fig. 3b, *12GLI-RETKO-luc*). Both reporters were activated by GLI-1, whereas SUFUH had no effect by itself. However, co-transfection of SUFUH efficiently suppressed activation of these reporter gene constructs by GLI-1. As the originally isolated *GLI-1* gene contained a potentially activating mutation [Hynes et al., Neuron 19:15-26 (1997)], we introduced a reverse mutation into the *GLI1* cDNA (SEQ.ID.NO.27) [Kinzler et al., Nature 332:371-374 (1988)]. This wild-type *GLI-1* construct also contains an N-terminal haemagglutinin epitope tag and lacks the 3'-untranslated region; it activates the *12GLI-RETKO-luc* reporter very strongly (Fig. 3b). This activation can again be suppressed by co-transfection of SUFUH but not by a carboxy-terminally truncated SUFUH lacking amino acids 386-484 (SU-
FUHA)(SEQ.ID.NO.10). The wild-type *GLI-1* construct, or a similar construct encoding the enhanced green fluorescent protein (EGFP) tag, was used in all subsequent experiments. Specificity of transcriptional inhibition by SUFUH was confirmed by the fact that SUFUH did not interfere with transcriptional activation of a reporter gene induced by co-transfection of a constitutively active glucocorticoid receptor (Fig. 3c).

Example 4: SUFUH inhibits differentiation in response to SHH signalling.

To determine whether SUFUH was also able to inhibit a relevant cellular response to SHH or to one of its downstream effectors, GLI-1, we used the C3H10T1/2-cell osteogenic-differentiation assay [Nakamura et al., Biochem. Biophys. Res. Commun. 237:465-469 (1997); Murone et al., Curr. Biol. 9:76-84 (1999)]. Transfection of GLI-1 induced differentiation (Fig. 3d-f), as measured by alkaline phosphatase staining. Co-transfection of SUFUH but not of SUFUHA (Fig. 3f) inhibited this response. SUFUH also inhibited the differentiation response in cells transfected (Fig. 3f) with the N-terminal active fragment of SHH.

Example 5: SUFUH and GLI-1 are present in an intracellular complex.

These results indicated that the functions of GLI-1 and SUFUH may also be closely linked in the mammalian signal-transduction pathway and raised the possibility that the two proteins might associate physically, as reported for the fly counterparts [Monnier et al., Curr. Biol. 8:583-586 (1998)]. To test this possibility, we transiently expressed epitope-tagged GLI-1 and SUFUH, either alone or in combination, in 293 cells. Haemagglutinin-tagged GLI-1 (SEQ.ID.NO.11) co-precipitated with Myc-tagged SUFUH when the latter protein was immunoprecipitated with an anti-Myc antibody; conversely, when haemagglutinin-tagged GLI-1 was immunoprecipitated with an anti-haemagglutinin antibody, Myc-SUFUH (SEQ.ID.NO.12) was also present in the complex (Fig. 4a). A deletion construct containing the 407 N-terminal amino acids of GLI-1 (SEQ.ID.NO.6) also co-precipitated with SUFUH (Fig. 4b)(SEQ.ID.NO.1), whereas haemagglutinin-GLI1 did not co-precipitate with the truncated SUFUHA protein (SEQ.ID.NO.10)(Fig. 4c). The truncated and full-length proteins were made at similar levels (Fig. 4d). As a further control, we showed that an unrelated overexpressed protein, I κ B α , does not interact with SUFUH (Fig. 4e). We conclude that the role of SUFUH as a negative regulator of GLI1-activated transcription is most likely mediated by a direct physical interaction between SUFUH and GLI-1. Our results show that the C-terminal domain of SUFUH (SEQ.ID.NO.2, SEQ.ID.NO.3) and N-terminal part of GLI-1 (SEQ.ID.NOs.6-8) are involved in protein-protein interactions, indicating that these domains may contain new types of interacting motif. The possibility that this interaction is mediated by an unidentified cellular protein appears unlikely, because all of the haemagglutinin-tagged GLI-1 could be immunoprecipitated by anti-Myc antibody from double-transfected cells, and proteins translated *in vitro* are also able to interact (data not shown). However, whether this interactions is direct or indirect remains to be confirmed.

Example 6: SUFUH can retain nuclear GLI-1 variants in the cytoplasm.

Using confocal microscopy, we determined the subcellular localization of transfected epitope-tagged GLI-1, SUFUH and SUFUHA in 293 cells; in each case, we studied at

least 50 positive cells, all of which showed a similar pattern. SUFUH was present both in the cytoplasm and in the nucleus (Fig. 5a). SUFUHA showed a very similar subcellular localization (Fig. 5b). To study GLI-1 localization, we generated an expression construct containing an N-terminal EGFP tag. Using this construct, we showed that

5 GLI-1, like Ci, was cytoplasmic (Fig. 5c). Previous studies were not able to demonstrate the presence of full-length Ci [Aza-Blanc et al., Cell 89:1043-1053 (1997)] in the nucleus under any conditions, a fact assumed to be caused by the presence of a cytoplasmic-retention domain. However, truncation of Ci [Aza-Blanc et al., Cell 89:1043-1053 (1997)], GLI-1 or GLI-3 [Shin et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 96:2880-2884

10 (1999); Ruiz i Altaba et al., Development 126:3205-3216 (1999)] after the DNA-binding domain leads to nuclear localization of the protein. Like these proteins, the truncated GLI1 (N407) (SEQ.ID.NO.6) construct was constitutively nuclear (Fig. 5d). This protein became partially cytoplasmic when coexpressed with SUFUH (SEQ.ID.NO.1)(Fig. 5e) but remained nuclear when coexpressed with SUFUHA

15 (SEQ.ID.NO.10)(Fig. 5f).

Example 7: GLI-1 localization is regulated by nucleocytoplasmic shuttling.

We used another construct, containing the 525 N-terminal amino acids of GLI-1

20 (SEQ.ID.NO.15), in an attempt to map the region that mediates the cytoplasmic localization of GLI-1. This construct, like full-length GLI-1, was predominantly cytoplasmic (Fig. 6a). By inspecting the region between amino acids 407 and 525 (corresponding to the presumed cytoplasmic-retention domain) for specific sequence motifs, we found a perfect match to a leucine-rich nuclear-export signal (NES), starting at amino acid 495

25 (Fig. 6b). This sequence was fully conserved in other vertebrate species. In Ci we found a potential NES in the same region, as well as two extra potential NESs closer to the C terminus. The last two, but not the first, potential NESs were conserved in the mammalian Ci homologues Gli-2 and Gli-3 (Fig. 6b). To determine whether this region is indeed a functional NES, we mutated leucines 495 and 501 into alanines in this

30 construct (SEQ.ID.NO.16) by polymerase chain reaction (PCR)-mediated mutagenesis.

The resulting protein was exclusively nuclear, indicating that this motif in GLI-1 indeed functions as an NES (Fig. 6c).

Leucine-rich NESs mediate nuclear export of proteins that is dependent on the NES-receptor protein CRM1 [Bogerd et al., J. Virol. 72:8627-8635 (1998)] which can be specifically inhibited by the drug leptomycin B (LMB) [Kudo et al., Exp. Cell. Res. 242:540-547 (1998)]. To test whether full-length GLI-1 is a target for active nuclear export, we studied the effects of LMB treatment (5 nM for 6 h) on the subcellular localization of GLI-1. Consistent with an important function for nuclear export in regulating the subcellular localization of full-length GLI-1, GLI-1 was localized to the nucleus when LMB was added (Fig. 6d). Co-transfection of SUFUH (Fig. 6e), but not SUFUHΔ (Fig. 6f), inhibited this LMB-dependent nuclear accumulation of GLI-1. It has turned out that SUFUH interacts with a subsequence from amino acid 381 to amino acid 407 of GLI-1. This interaction blocks shuttling of GLI-1.

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Example 8: SUFUH can interact with GLI-1 bound to DNA.

The presence of SUFUH in the nucleus raises the possibility it might interact with GLI-1 in this cellular compartment too, potentially affecting DNA binding by GLI-1 and/or its contacts with other transcription factors. To assess this possibility, we used the constitutively nuclear GLI1(N407) variant (SEQ.ID.NO.6) in combination with SUFUH and incubated nuclear extracts from either singly or doubly transfected cells with a radiolabelled double-stranded oligonucleotide (GLI-RE) corresponding to the GLI1-binding consensus DNA sequence. We then separated the complexes by native acrylamide gel electrophoresis. GLI1(N407) specifically retards the electrophoretic mobility of the GLI-RE oligonucleotide (Fig. 7a, lane 1), as this retardation can be blocked by addition of excess unlabelled GLI-RE (lane 2). Co-transfection of SUFUH resulted in even stronger complex formation and in the appearance of a new, more retarded complex, indicating a SUFUH-GLI1 protein-protein interaction (Fig. 7a, lane 3). Antibody supershifting experiments using antibodies against the respective tags fu-

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sed to GLI-1 (Fig. 7a, lane 4) and SUFUH (lane 5) sequences showed the presence of SUFUH in both retarded complexes and GLI-1 in at least the more quickly migrating complex. In support of a direct interaction between GLI-1 and SUFUH that is independent of other nuclear proteins, GLI1(N407) could be co-immunoprecipitated with SUFUH (Fig. 4b) and similar electrophoretic mobility-shift assay (EMSA) results were obtained with *in vivo*-translated proteins (data not shown). Analysis of nuclear extracts from cells transfected with SUFUH alone revealed no retarded complexes (Fig. 7a, lane 6).

The increase in DNA binding seen after co-transfection of SUFUH (SEQ.ID.NO.1) correlated with increased levels of soluble GLI1(N407) (SEQ.ID.NO.6) in the nuclear extract (Fig. 7b, lower panels). In contrast, the levels of GLI1(N407) in the nuclear pellet decreased on co-transfection with SUFUH and, as most GLI1(N407) resides in the nuclear pellet, the total nuclear level of GLI1(N407) is reduced, consistent with the immunofluorescence data (Fig. 5). GLI1(N407) protein appeared in the cytoplasm only when SUFUH was co-transfected (Fig. 7b, upper panel). Our results indicate that SUFUH can act both by preventing access of GLI-1 to the nucleus and by binding to GLI-1 when this factor is already bound to DNA.

General Methods relating to Examples 9 – 12:

Biological materials

Timely-mated NMRI mice were obtained from the Charles River Laboratories. The Dac/Dac mice and their wild-type SMNZB congenic counterparts and DNA samples from both were obtained from Jackson Laboratories. The partially overlapping BAC clones RPCI-11-170J3 containing the 5' end and 243I14 containing the 3' of the human *SU(FU)* gene were obtained from Research Genetics. The mouse *Su(fu)* BAC clones 17985 and 17986 were obtained from Genomic Systems, Inc. The mouse *Su(fu)*

EST clones 513730, 1195307, 1224813, and 963990 from the IMAGE consortium were obtained from the UK HGMP Resource Centre, Hinxton, Cambridge.

Chromosomal localization, mapping, and sequencing of the human *SU(FU)* and mouse

5 *Su(fu)* genes

The chromosomal localization of *SU(FU)* was determined by Radiation Hybrid Mapping using the primer pair 5'cagttgtgtcaacgagatctcc (SEQ.ID.NO.28) and 5'ctgtggcctgtgcatggcac (SEQ.ID.NO.29) and the primer pair 5'ccgctggctaagccttgtgac (SEQ.ID.NO.30) and 5'cagggtccagagtcaaacctca (SEQ.ID.NO.31)(both primer pairs are
10 derived from the 3' untranslated region) on the Genbridge G4 map (Research Genetics). The intron-exon borders were determined by sequencing BACs with primers oriented in both directions for each exon at least two times. The sequences of these primers are available on request. Restriction enzyme digests of BAC DNA and subcloned
15 DNA fragments were transferred to Hybond N⁺ filters (Amersham). The filters were hybridized with radiolabelled oligonucleotide probes for individual exons to assemble the *Su(fu)* locus map.

Screening for mRNA variants

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cDNAs from normal human tissues (Human MTC panel II) or from xenografted human tumors (Human tumor MTC panel) were obtained from Clontech. Mouse embryo cDNA: Organs were homogenized and RNA was extracted using RNazol B [Chomczynski et al., Anal. Biochem. 162:156-159(1987)]. Subsequently, cDNA was prepared
25 using o(dT)₁₅ and reverse transcriptase from mouse mammary tumor virus (Clontech) according to standard procedures. Primary PCR products were generated containing the entire coding region of *SU(FU)*/*Su(fu)* and subsequently nested PCR products containing the complete exons 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11 respectively and flanking sequences of the neighbouring exons were obtained. After gel electrophoresis, variant
30 transcripts were detected by size difference.

Whole mount *in situ* hybridization

5 Mouse embryos were cut sagittally and after fixation in 4% paraformaldehyde hybridized according to standard procedures (22)[Wilkinson, *In situ* Hybridization: A practical approach, IRL Press, Oxford 1992]. Digoxin-labelled probes were prepared using the DIG RNA labelling kit and the label was detected using the DIG Nucleic Acid Detection Kit (both Boehringer Mannheim). Specificity of the reaction was monitored by comparison to samples hybridized to sense probes.

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Epitope-tagged constructs

15 Myc-SU(FU) and HA-GLI1, both in pCMV-5, have been described above. The myc-tagged constructs for the transcription variants were generated by cloning cDNAs into the pGEM-T vector (Promega), verifying the sequence of the PCR product and exchanging a fragment between two appropriate restriction sites in the myc-SUFUH. In detail, a BstEII (nt 327) -SalI (behind the STOP codon) fragment from near full length SU(FU)-XL was cloned into myc-SU(FU) and EcoNI (nt 751)-SalI fragments of SU(FU)-Tt and SU(FU)-Ly were ligated into myc-SU(FU)-XL.

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Transient transfections and Western Blotting

25 10 µg each of the tagged GLI and SU(FU) constructs were transfected into a near confluent 15 cm culture dish with 293 kidney carcinoma cells using 75 µg of polyethylenimine (Sigma Chemicals) in 12 ml serum-free medium as a transfecting agent. After 36 h cells were harvested and lysed in 1% Triton X-100. The lysates were precleared one time over protein A/G-agarose preincubated with goat serum and then precipitated with mouse-anti myc monoclonal antibody 9E10 or rabbit anti mouse-antisera. After electrophoretic separation on a reducing 10% PAGE-SDS gel and blotting onto PVDF

membrane, myc- tagged proteins were detected by rabbit-anti myc antiserum, followed by incubation with a peroxidase-conjugated second antibody.

Alizarin-Alcian Blue staining

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Newborn and 1 day old pups were dissected removing their skin, muscles and inner organs. Then the carcasses were stained as described [Inoue, Cong. Anom. 16:171-173].

10 Sequencing of the coding regions of SU(FU) in SHFM3 patients and in the Dac mouse

mRNA was obtained from transformed patient B-cell lines or from lung of an adult homozygous Dac mouse as described (see above). cDNA and subsequently full length (near full length in case of Dac) PCR products of the coding regions were generated.

15 Each two overlapping nested PCR products were generated and sequenced by standard procedures from both ends (in case of Dac the initial 49 nucleotides of the coding region are missing). At least 13 clones from each patient sample and 6 clones from the Dac mouse were included. All exons from the Dac mouse and also exon 1 from the patients were sequenced from genomic DNA using primers with intron sequences and sequences of flanking untranslated regions.

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Example 9: Genomic organization of the human SU(FU) and of the mouse Su(fu) genes

25 The full length coding sequences of SU(FU) and Su(fu), the human and the murine homologs of the *Drosophila* signal transducer molecule Su(fu) were indentified above. By radiation hybrid mapping the human SU(FU) gene was localized to chromosome 10q24 in a region syntenic to chromosome 19 in the mouse. We identified artificial bacterial chromosomes (BACs) containing both the human SU(FU) and the murine

Su(fu) genes and determined the intron-exon organization by sequencing using primers from the coding region.

Both genes contain twelve exons with exon-intron boundaries at corresponding positions (Table 1). When mapping the overlapping BAC clones 17985 and 17986, the mouse *Su(fu)* gene was found to span approximately 100 kb (Fig. 9). The promoter region contained no consensus TATA- or CAAT-box immediately upstream of the putative transcriptional start site. However, using the Transcription Start Site Wingender database (TSSW) at UK HGMP Resource Centre (www.hgmp.mrc.ac.uk) a promoter in this region with an excellent prediction value (LDF=20.80) was found. When sequencing upstream both the human and murine promoters, the ATG-containing exon for the gene *actin-related protein 1* (*ARPI* and *Arp1* in human and mouse respectively) was detected in opposite transcriptional orientation separated by only 1516 bp (in human) between the initial methionine codons. The ubiquitously expressed ARP1 [Clark et al., Mol. Biol. Cell 5:1301-1310 (1994)] and Arp1 [Schroer et al., J. Cell Biol. 115:1309-1319 (1991)] are members of the microtubule-associated dynactin complex which is essential for spindle formation [Merdes et al., J. Cell Biol. 149:851-862 (2000)] and organelle transport [Xiang et al., Curr. Biol. 18:603-606 (2000)], for a review see [Schafer et al., Annu. Rev. Cell. Dev. Biol. 15:341-363 (1999)] (Fig. 9). In addition, sequencing off the end of BAC 17986 revealed an exon for the *ADP-ribosylation factor-like protein 3* (*Arl3*) downstream of the mouse *Su(fu)* gene (Fig. 9). Mining the GenBank mouse EST database, several *Su(fu)* EST clones originating from different tissues including adult testis, heart, kidney, B cell, mammary gland, day post natum (dpn) 6 head, dpn 10 skin, fertilized egg, embryos from dpc 8, 10-11, and 13 were found, demonstrating expression in a wide range of tissues. Four mouse ESTs were sequenced and their structure is shown in Fig. 9B. The combined EST cDNAs extend over 4400 bp, which fits well with the mRNA size seen on Northern blot (4.5 kb). The predicted AUG codon of the translational initiation has a good Kozak consensus sequence. The clones 1224813 and 963990 that extends the most 3' as well as a number of other human and mouse ESTs in the GenBank end at the same position. In-

stead of the consensus polyadenylation signal AAUAAA we found an AUUAAA sequence about 15 bp upstream of the end of the longest ESTs in both human and mouse.

Example 10: SU(FU) mRNA isoforms

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We screened a commercially available panel of cDNAs from various tissues of apparently healthy donors for expression of variants of SU(FU). One variation which we found was a trinucleotide insertion after nucleotide 756 of the coding sequence resulting in an extra-glutamine after amino acid 252. This insertion created a novel EcoNI
10 cleavage site which allowed easy detection of this variant which we called SU(FU)-XL (SEQ.ID.NO.17). SU(FU)-XL was found to be expressed in five of seven tissues tested with a relative abundance varying from roughly 10% to 50% of total SU(FU) (Fig. 10). The explanation for this variation was found in the sequence of the downstream end of intron 6 which was determined as ...TTTTCAGCAG-exon 7... (Table 1). Probably,
15 both underlined AG dinucleotides could function as alternative splice acceptor sites.

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We found two additional splice variants (Fig. 10), one of them, SU(FU)-LK (SEQ.ID.NO.18), was expressed in peripheral leukocytes, the other one, SU(FU)-TT (SEQ.ID.NO.19), in testes. By sequencing it was found that SU(FU)-LK is lacking
20 exon 10, and that the downstream sequence has a shifted reading frame resulting in a STOP codon after two amino acids. SU(FU)-TT has an extra exon after exon 8 (exon 8a), which encodes 19 amino acids followed by a STOP codon.

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We also screened a commercially available panel of tumor cell xenograft cDNAs (two
25 breast, two lung, two colon, one prostate and one pancreatic carcinoma sample) and cDNA samples from a panel of dpc 13.5 mouse embryonic tissues (lung, intestine, skeletal muscle, heart, liver, eye, brain, spinal cord, tongue, kidney, whole limb, skin) and we detected the normal SU(FU)/Su(fu) transcripts but no variants except SU(FU)-XL. There may be additional isoforms, since our method did not allow detection of iso-
30 forms, where the first or the last exon of SU(FU) is missing.

Functional analysis of these SU(FU) variants compared with the standard SU(FU) (as we call the originally cloned variant) was performed by assessing their potential to coprecipitate GLI-1, one of the physiological binding partners of SU(FU). N-terminally myc-tagged versions of the coding sequences of all SU(FU) variants and a hemagglutinin-tagged version of GLI-1 (HA-GLI) were transfected into 293 cells. With an antibody against HA we could coprecipitate SU(FU) when cotransfected with myc-SU(FU) or myc-SU(FU)-XL, but not with myc-SU(FU)-LK or myc-SU(FU)-TT as detected by an anti-myc antibody after Western Blotting (Fig. 11).

Example 11: Expression of SU(FU) during mouse embryogenesis

We analyzed mouse embryos in the time range between dpc 8.5 and dpc 15.5 for expression of SU(FU) by whole mount in situ hybridization. Two other reports have described similar experiments [Stone et al., J. Cell Science 112:4437-4448 (1999); Pearse et al., Developmental Biology 212:323-336 (1999)]. Here we will focus on those results not described before.

Above, SU(FU) has been shown to be expressed ubiquitously in the adult. A similar result has been obtained for the mouse embryo [Stone et al., J. Cell Science 112:4437-4448 (1999); Pearse et al., Developmental Biology 212:323-336 (1999)] and our studies confirm these results in principle. In particular at dpc 10.5 and 11.5 we observed an intense all over reactivity of which only the neural tube and the forming CNS emerged as even stronger and only the liver appeared to be negative. For the other stages however, we found that certain tissues expressed Su(fu) with considerably stronger intensity than the all over reactivity of the embryos. At dpc 8.5 and 9.5 we detected Su(fu) in the neural tube and in the somites (Fig. 12A-C). At dpc 9.5 Su(fu) was expressed further in the heart and the dorsal artery as well as in the intersegmentary arteries (Fig. 12C, F), in the bud of the forelimb (Fig. 12B, C), in the branchial arches (Fig. 12B, F), and in the mesenchyme of the trunk and of the head surrounding the prospective mouth cavity (Fig. 12B). Su(fu) expres-

sion in the neural tissues persisted through the entire observed period as previously reported [Stone et al., J. Cell Science 112:4437-4448 (1999); Pearse et al., Developmental Biology 212:323-336 (1999)]. At dpc 10.5 *Su(fu)* was expressed in all brain vesicles (Fig. 12D) and in the dorsal root ganglia (Fig. 12E) as detected after removal of the skin. At all
5 later stages, the brain and the spinal cord were stained with high intensity (Fig. 12G). The expression of *Su(fu)* in the somites persisted as well, however from dpc 10.5 only the sclerotome and the sclerotome-derived tissues were stained with the probe. The mesenchyme surrounding the ossifying part of the vertebrae expressed *Su(fu)* from dpc 12.5 (Fig. 12G) and of the ribs from dpc 13.5 [Pearse et al., Developmental Biology 212:323-336
10 (1999)]. Like in the somite-derived skeletal parts, even in the digits the expression of *Su(fu)* was observed to parallel the progress of ossification as the area which expresses *Su(fu)* was migrating distally during the course of development (Fig. 12H-J). The expression of *Su(fu)* in the branchial arches was continuing within the maxilla, mandible and in the tongue and disappearing from dpc 12.5 onwards when the mouth cavity was closed,
15 with at dpc 15.5 only tongue being stained (Fig. 12K). Further, through the entire observed period *Su(fu)* was expressed in the genital tubercle (Fig. 12G) and from dpc 13.5 in the mesenchyme surrounding the developing tracheoles of the lung (Fig. 12L).

20 Example 12: Examination of RNA from SHFM3 patients and DNA from Dac mice for mutations in the *Su(fu)* gene

We have located the *SU(FU)* gene in man between the markers AFM183XB12 and D10S192, with a distance of 0.10 cR from AFM183XB12 (lod>3.0). This narrow region also contains the locus for the genetic disorder Split Hand Split Foot-Malformation-
25 3 (SHFM3). Members of the Hedgehog signalling pathway have been shown to be involved in the process of digit formation as will be discussed below.

To investigate the hypothesis that *SU(FU)* would be the gene involved in SHFM3, we sequenced a number of cDNA clones of *SU(FU)* from B-cell lines derived from two
30 unrelated heterozygous SHFM3 patients (since we met difficulties in reverse transcrip-

tion of the first exon we sequenced the first exon from the genomic DNA of these cell lines.). However, in the entire coding sequence no differences from the normal sequence were observed. With our approach mutations in the promotor or in introns which affect the transcriptional regulation or splicing of *SU(FU)* can not be excluded.

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In the mouse, the Dac mutant [Chai, J. Hered. 72:234-237 (1981)] with a similar phenotype [Crackover et al., Dev. Biol. 201:78-89 (1998); Seto et al., Teratology 56:161-270 (1997)], is linked to chromosome 19 in a region syntenic to the one on human chromosome 10 containing the locus for the *SHFM3* gene. It has been suggested that Dac might be the murine counterpart of SHFM3 [Johnson et al., Genomics 29:457-464 (1995)]. We amplified and sequenced all Su(fu) exons from the genomic DNA of a homozygous Dac mouse. Additionally, the coding region of the cDNA from nucleotide 50 after the initial AUG codon downstream was sequenced. No mutations in the *Su(fu)* gene were observed and the presence of a normal mRNA sequence makes splice mutations very unlikely.

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During our studies on Dac mice we observed abnormalities not only in the digit formation but also in cranial development. The ossification of the skull bones of the Dac mouse in the perinatal period was delayed compared to the wildtype. The intramembranously developing parietal, interparietal and supraoccipital bones have not been ossified at all even at dpn 1 (two mice examined at dpn 0, one at dpn 1), while they have been ossified completely at dpn 0 in the wild-type control mice. The endochondrally developing frontal, exoccipital and temporal bones, as well as the basal processes and the parts of the jaw, however, were developed in the Dac mouse as well as in wild-type (Fig. 13). Further, in the newborn Dac/Dac mouse the skull was flat and less curved than in wild-type.

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Table 1. Exon-intron boundaries of the human *SU(FU)* and mouse *Su(fu)* genes

Exon number	Exon	Intron (length)
1	1-ATGGCG...GTA <u>CTG</u> -182	<u>gtatgc</u> ... <u>ttgcag</u>
	1-ATGGCG...GTA <u>CTG</u> -182	<u>gtctgc</u> ... <u>ttgcag</u> (3.7 kb) [†]
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	318-GTTTAC...AGTCAG-454	<u>gtaata</u> ... <u>ccacag</u> (22 kb) [†]
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Note: The upper and lower row in each pair refers to the human and mouse sequence, respectively. The translational start site is numbered as nucleotide 1 since the transcriptional start site is not exactly defined. Exon 1 contains approximately an additional 150 bp 5' of the translational start site.

[§]Fully sequenced.

[†]Partially sequenced.

TMThe dotted underlined ag is the intron border in SU(FU)-XL

[‡]The double-underlined TGA is the STOP codon in SU(FU)-LK

Claims

1. A peptide consisting of one or more multiples of a protein fragment comprising 5 – 104 amino acid residues, preferably 10 – 50 amino acid residues, derived from the amino acid sequence of SEQ.ID.NO.2, said protein fragment showing a homology of at least 70 %, preferably at least 90 %, with the amino acid sequence of SEQ.ID.NO.2, said peptide being able to specifically bind to a protein having the sequence of SEQ.ID.NO.5.
2. A peptide according to claim 1, **characterised** in that it consists of one or more multiples of a protein fragment consisting of 10 – 97 consecutive amino acid residues from the amino acid sequence of SEQ.ID.NO.3.
3. A peptide according to claim 2, **characterised** in that said protein fragment has the amino acid sequence of SEQ.ID.NO.4.
4. A peptide consisting of one or more multiples of a protein fragment comprising 5 – 407 amino acid residues, preferably 5 – 50 amino acid residues, derived from the amino acid sequence of SEQ.ID.NO.6, said protein fragment showing a homology of at least 70%, preferably at least 90%, with the amino acid sequence of SEQ.ID.NO.6, said peptide being able to specifically bind to a protein having the sequence of SEQ.ID.NO.1.
5. A peptide according to claim 4, **characterised** in that it consists of one or more multiples of a protein fragment consisting of 5 – 26 consecutive amino acid residues from the amino acid sequence of SEQ.ID.NO.7, and which fragment contains the amino acid subsequence lys-arg-his-arg.

6. A peptide according to claim 4, characterised in that it consists of one or more multiples of a protein fragment consisting of 5 – 20 consecutive amino acid residues from the amino acid sequence of SEQ.ID.NO.8.
- 5 7. A DNA sequence encoding a peptide according to anyone of claims 1 – 6.
8. A monoclonal antibody or an antibody fragment directed against a peptide according to anyone of claims 1 – 6.
- 10 9. A peptide according to anyone of claims 1 – 6, for medical use.
10. Use of a peptide according to anyone of claims 1 – 6, for preparing a pharmaceutical composition for treating cancer.
- 15 11. A monoclonal antibody or an antibody fragment according to claim 8, for medical use.
12. Use of a monoclonal antibody according to claim 8, for preparing a pharmaceutical composition for treating cancer.
- 20 13. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a peptide according to anyone of claims 1 – 6 and/or a monoclonal antibody or an antibody fragment according to claim 8, together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, excipient or diluent.

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FIG. 1a

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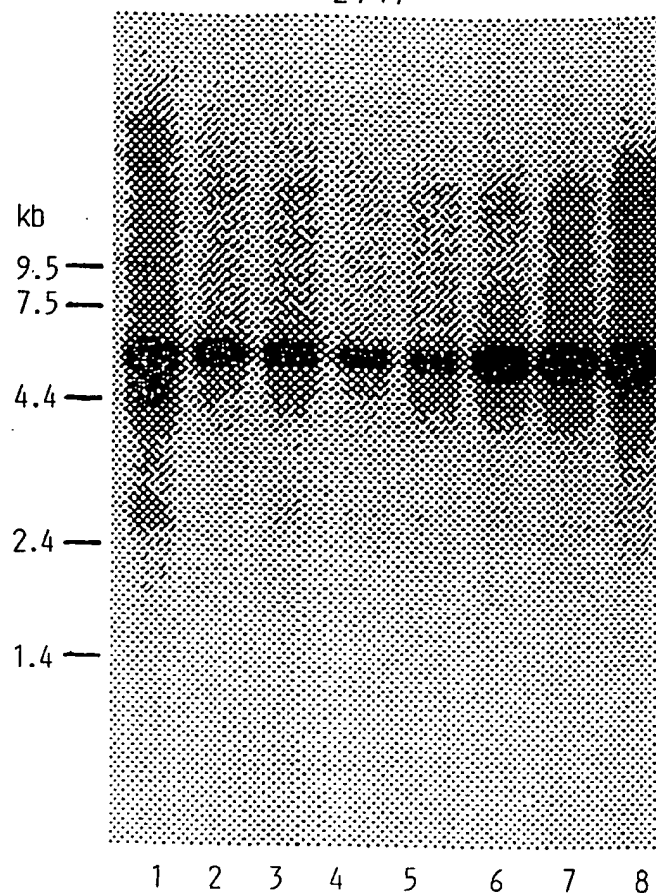


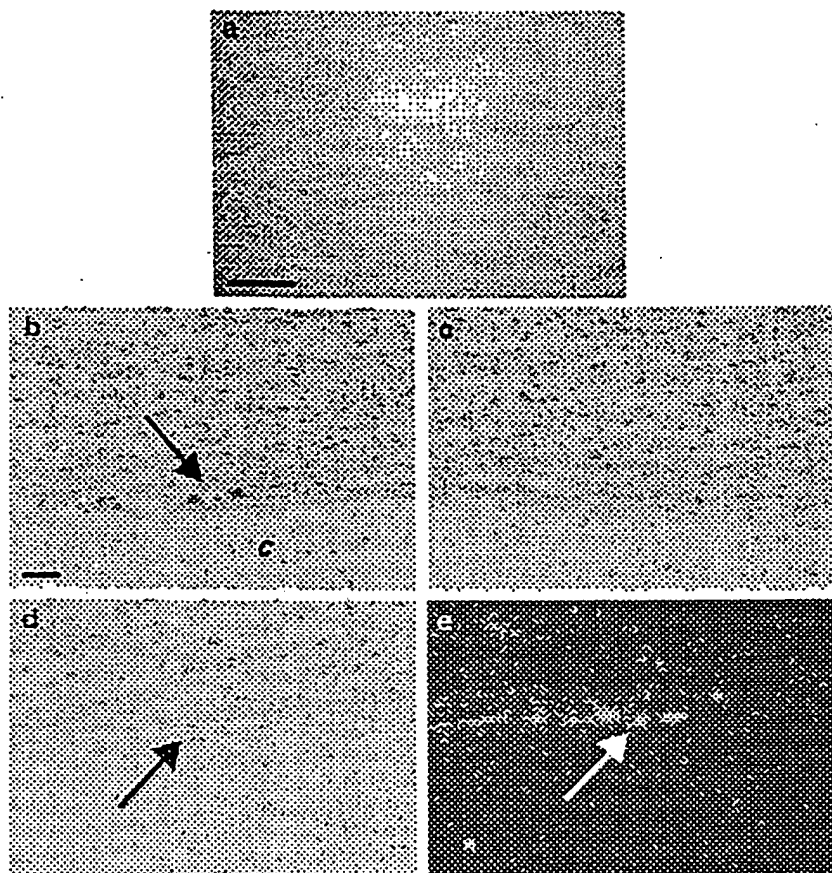
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Fig. 2



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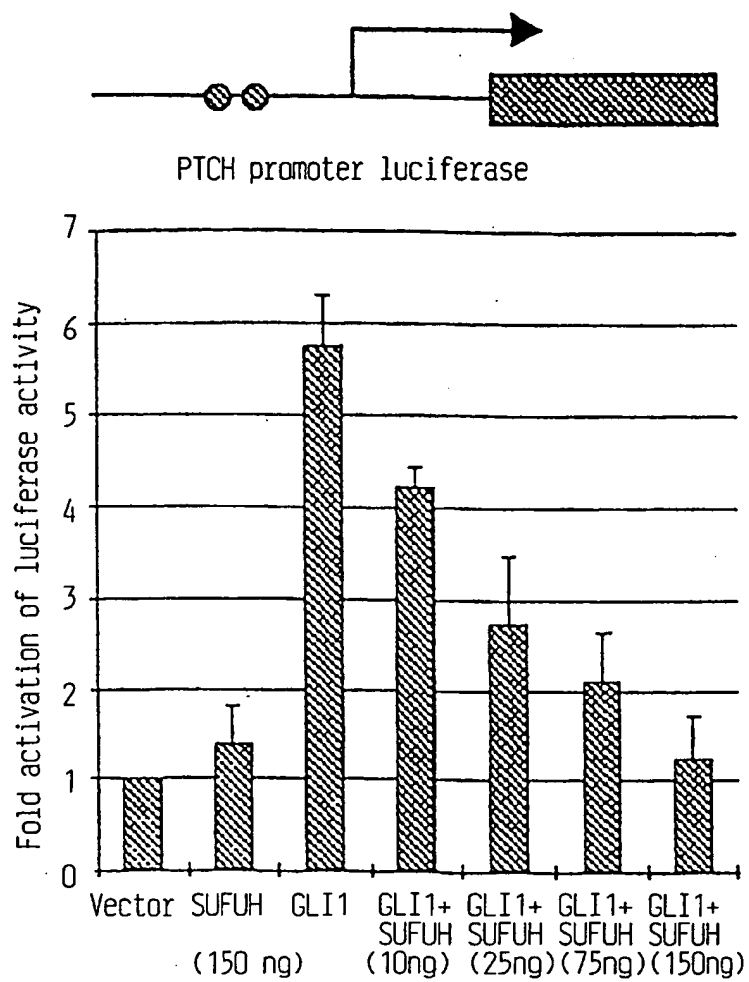


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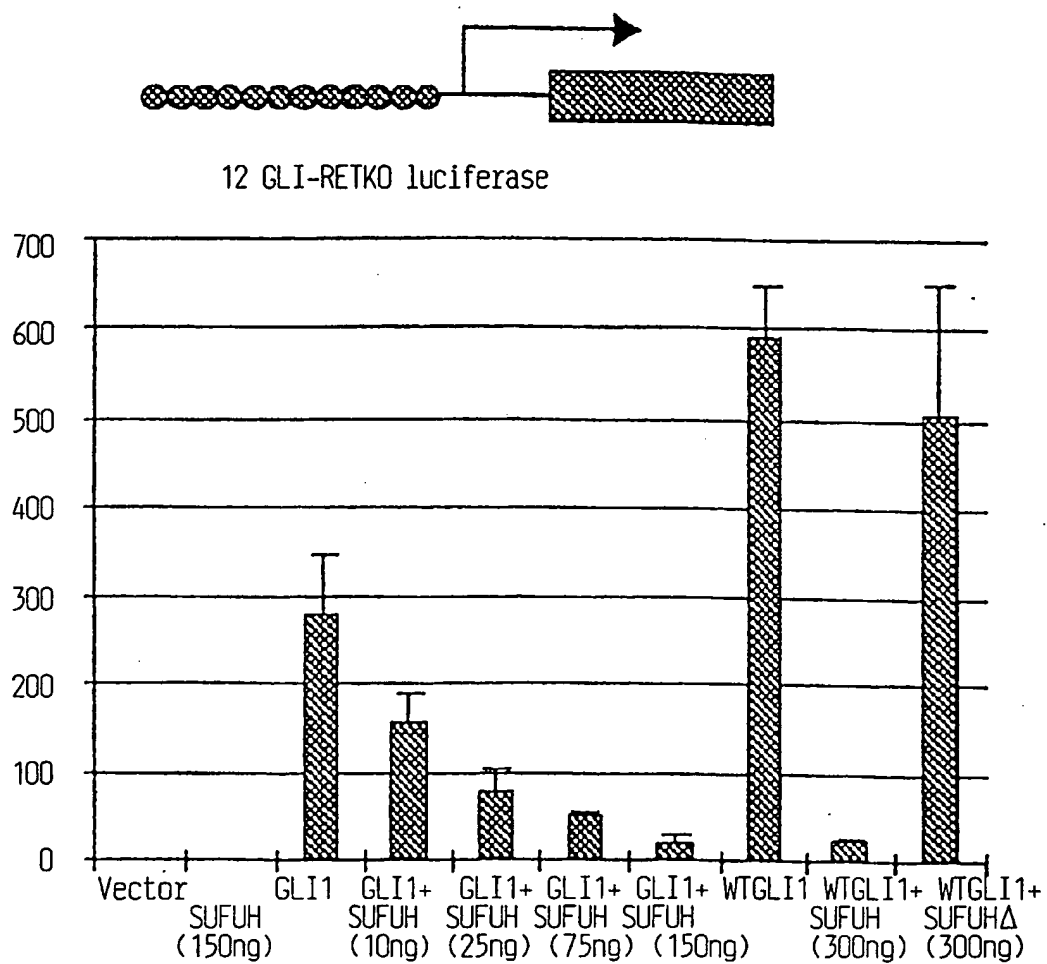


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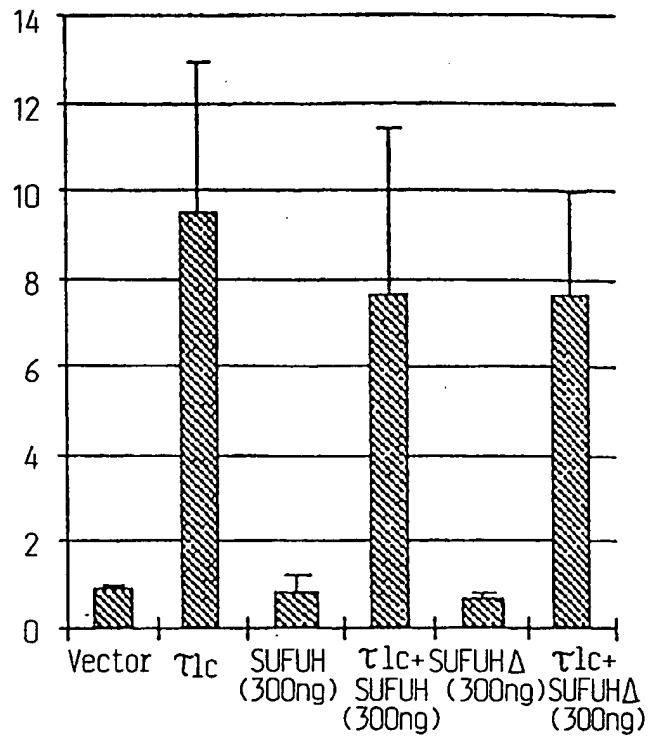
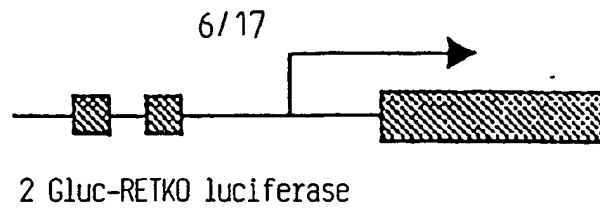


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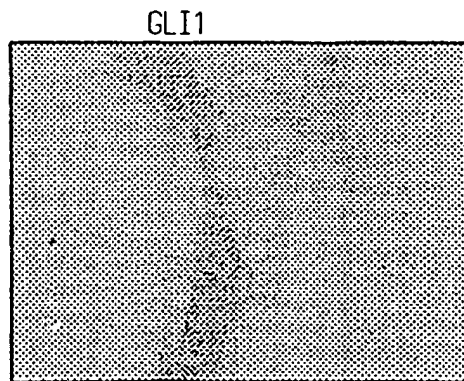


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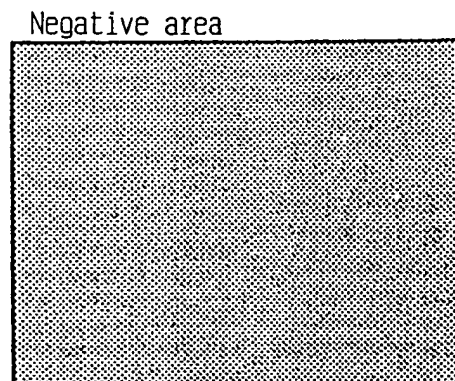


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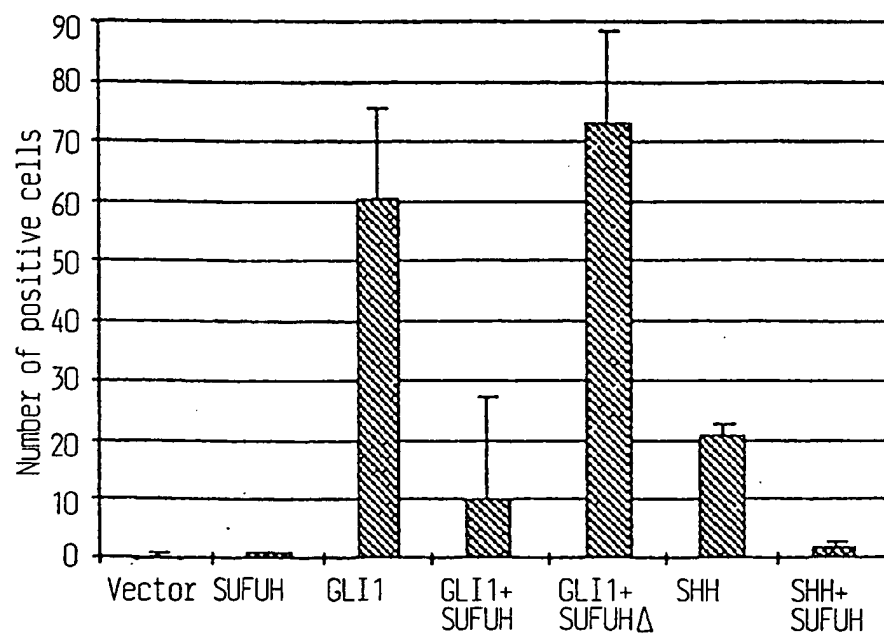
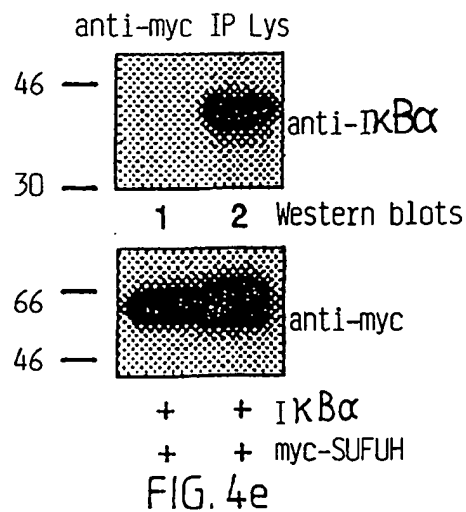
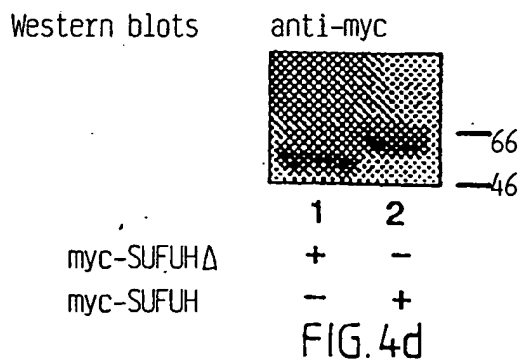
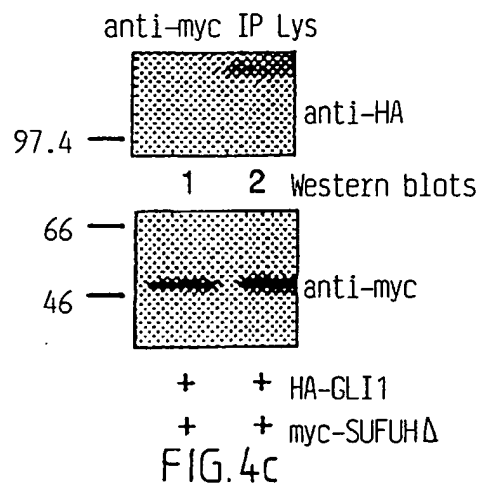
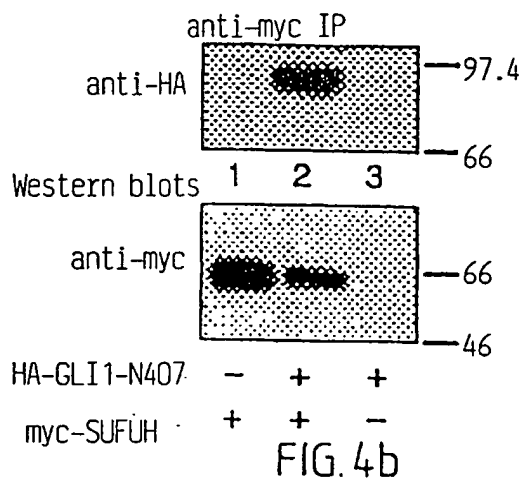
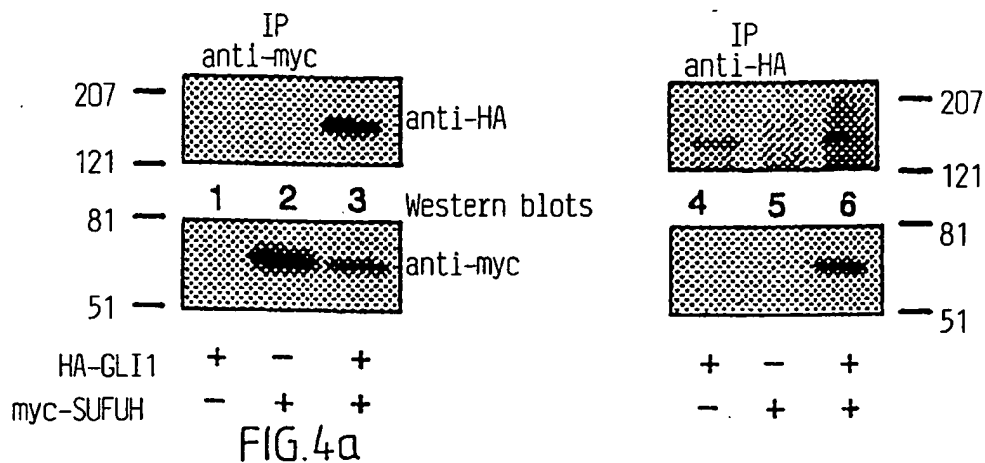


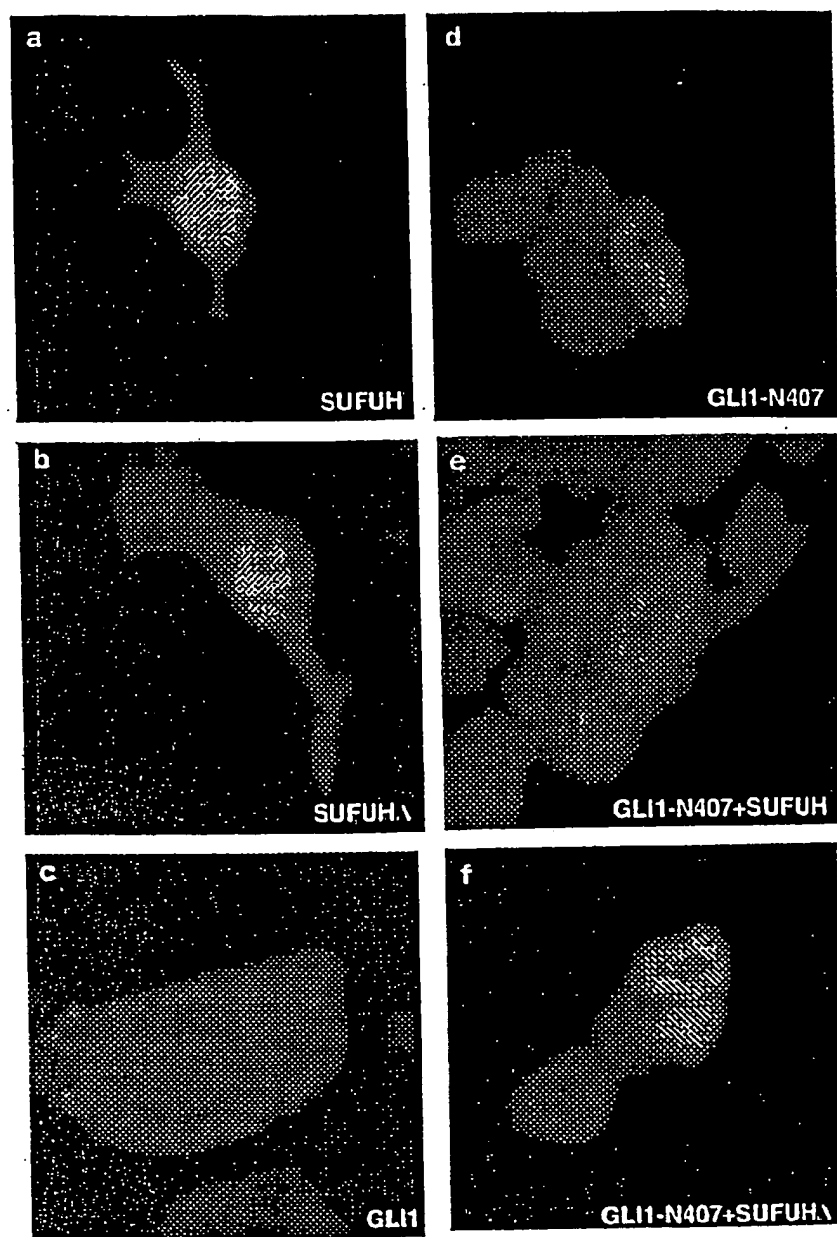
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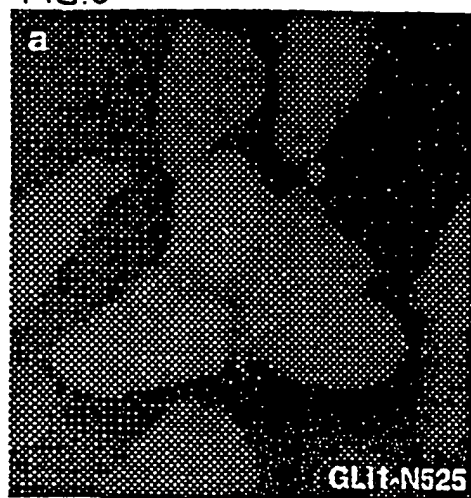
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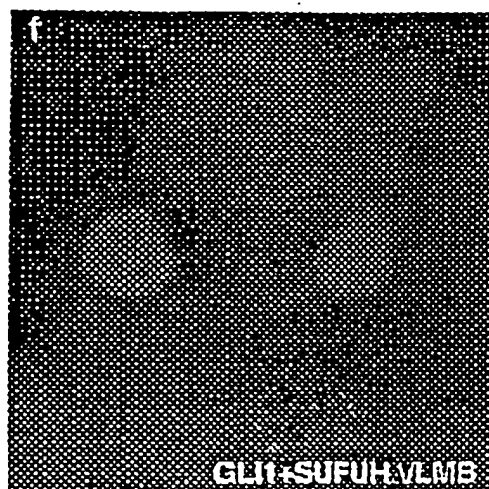
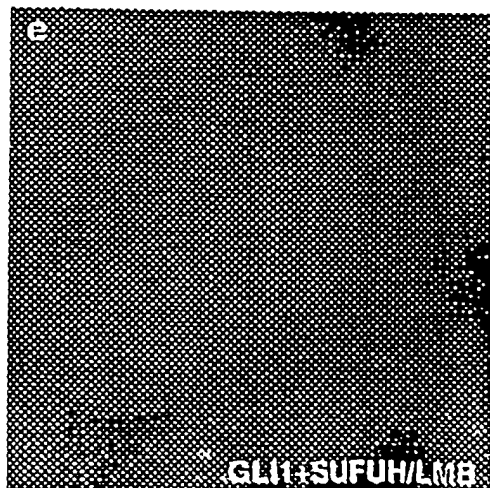
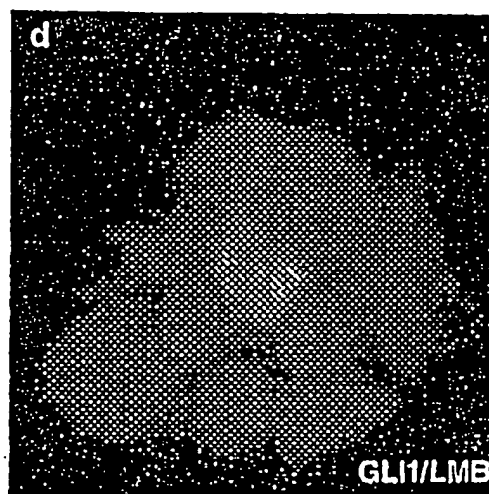
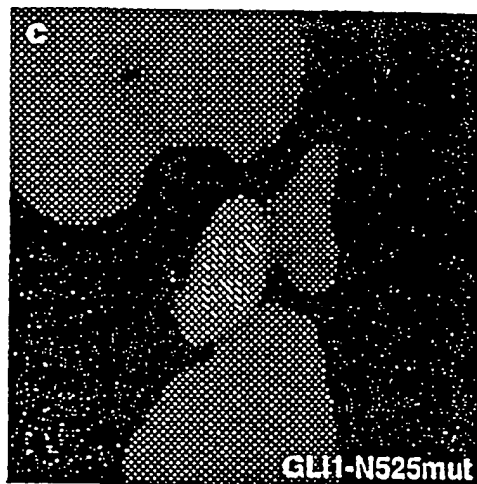
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FIG. 6

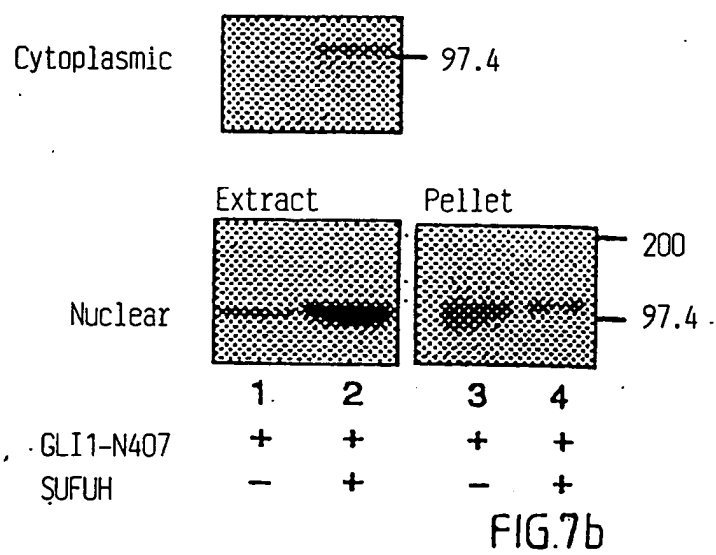
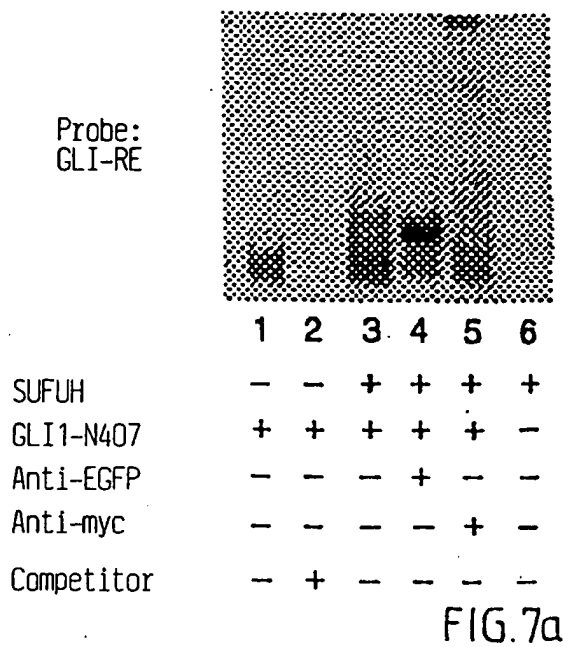


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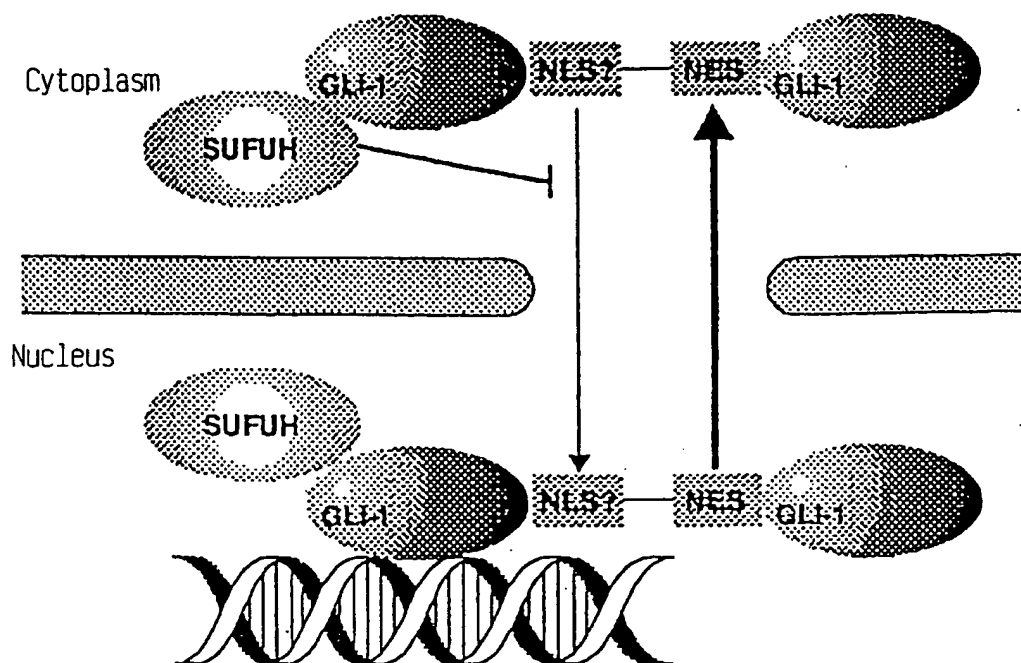


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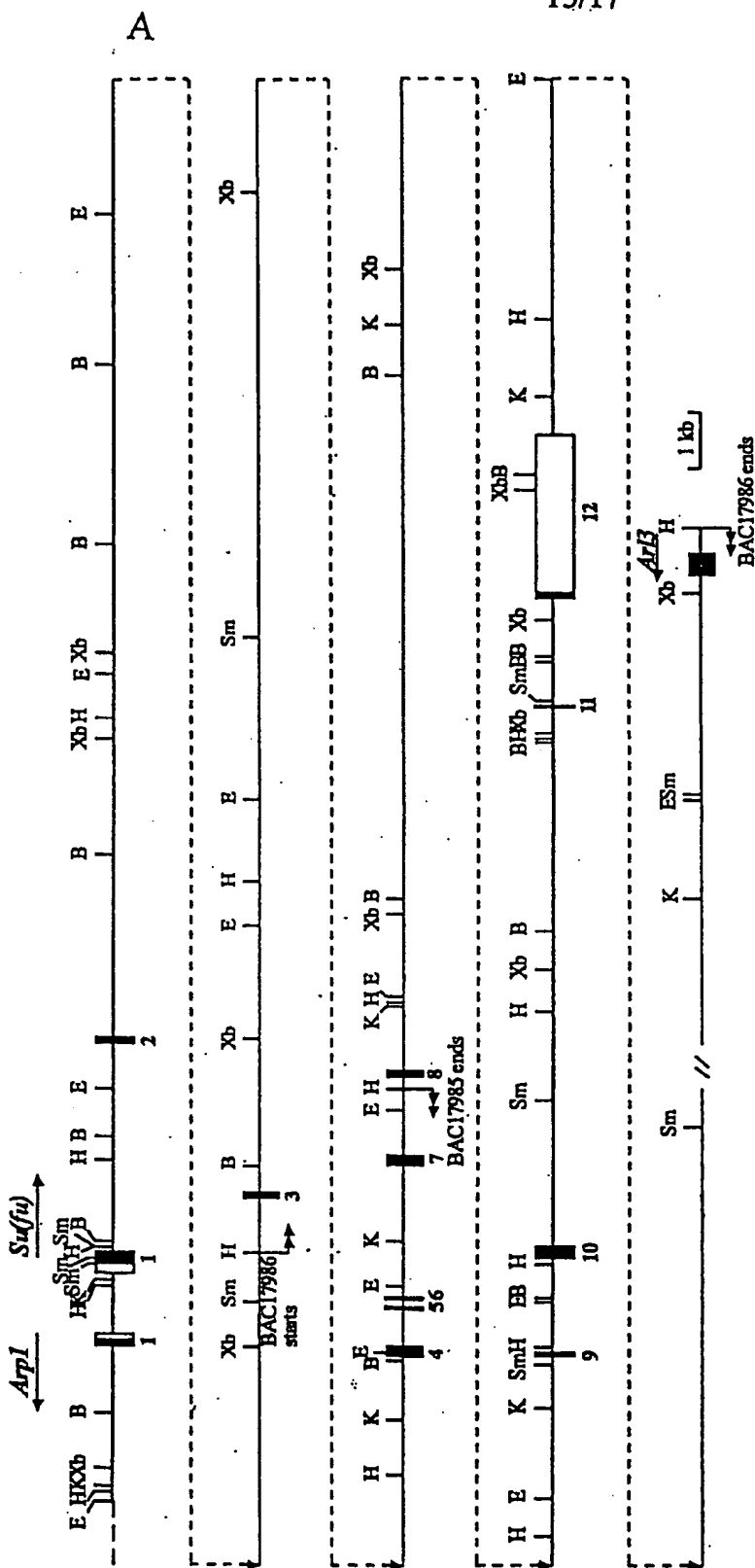
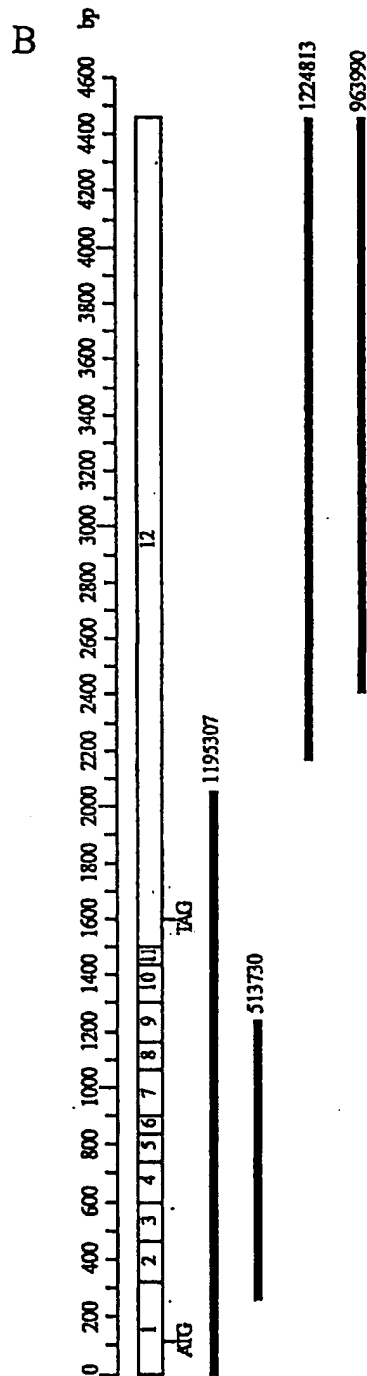
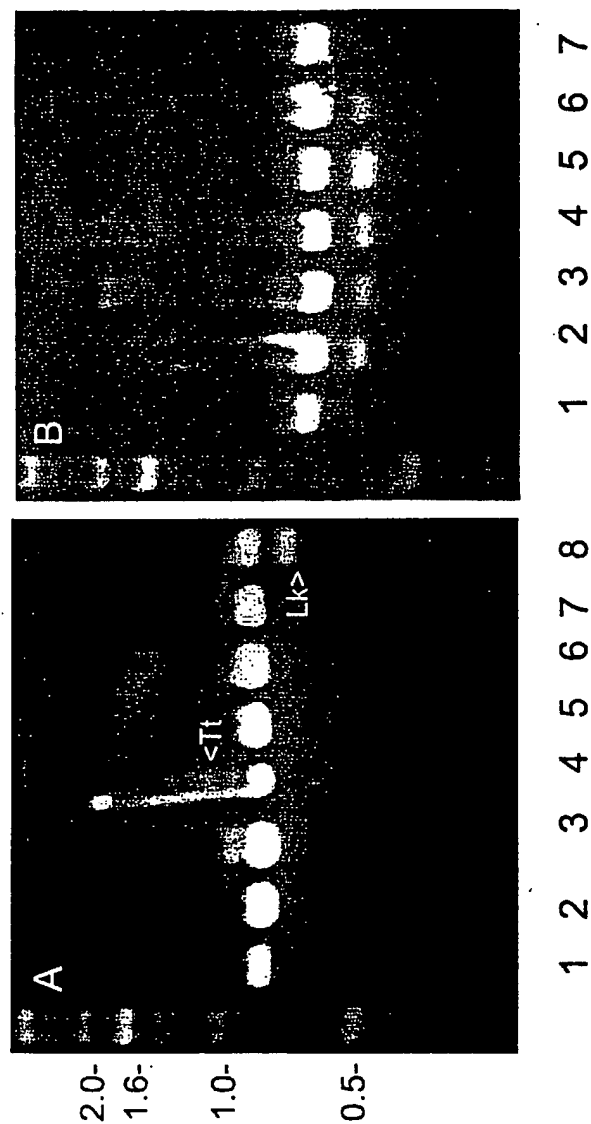


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Fig. 10



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Fig. 11

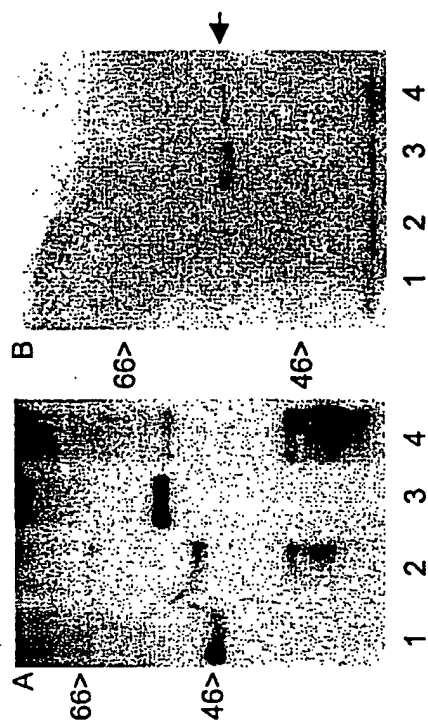
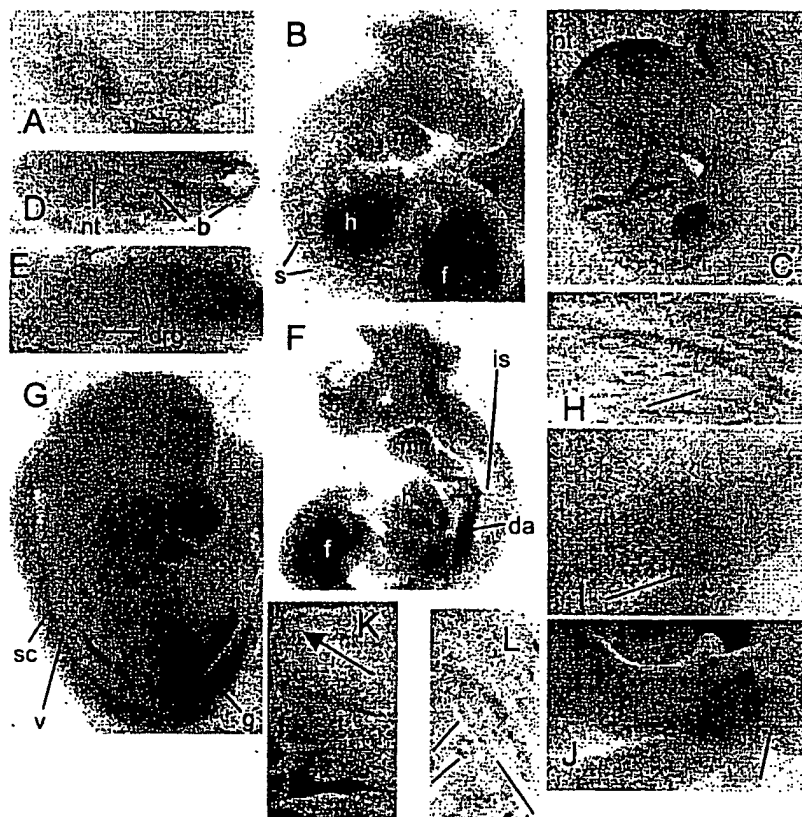
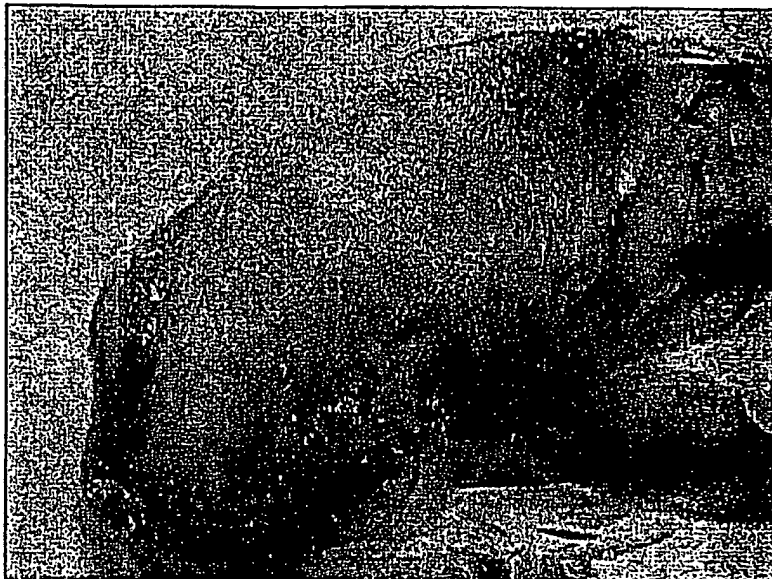


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Fig. 13



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 Leu Asn Ala His Pro Ser Glu Gly Pro Pro His Pro Gln Pro Leu Phe
 835 840 845
 Ser His Tyr Pro Gln Pro Ser Pro Pro Gln Tyr Leu Gln Ser Gly Pro
 850 855 860
 Tyr Thr Gln Pro Pro Pro Asp Tyr Leu Pro Ser Glu Pro Arg Pro Cys
 865 870 875 880
 Leu Asp Phe Asp Ser Pro Thr His Ser Thr Gly Gln Leu Lys Ala Gln
 885 890 895
 Leu Val Cys Asn Tyr Val Gln Ser Gln Gln Glu Leu Leu Trp Glu Gly
 900 905 910
 Gly Gly Arg Glu Asp Ala Pro Ala Gln Glu Pro Ser Tyr Gln Ser Pro
 915 920 925
 Lys Phe Leu Gly Gly Ser Gln Val Ser Pro Ser Arg Ala Lys Ala Pro
 930 935 940
 Val Asn Thr Tyr Gly Pro Gly Phe Gly Pro Asn Leu Pro Asn His Lys
 945 950 955 960
 Ser Gly Ser Tyr Pro Thr Pro Ser Pro Cys His Glu Asn Phe Val Val
 965 970 975

Gly Ala Asn Arg Ala Ser His Arg Ala Ala Ala Pro Pro Arg Leu Leu
 980 985 990

Pro Pro Leu Pro Thr Cys Tyr Gly Pro Leu Lys Val Gly Gly Thr Asn
 995 1000 1005

Pro Ser Cys Gly His Pro Glu Val Gly Arg Leu Gly Gly Gly Pro Ala
 1010 1015 1020

Leu Tyr Pro Pro Pro Glu Gly Gln Val Cys Asn Pro Leu Asp Ser Leu
 1025 1030 1035 1040

Asp Leu Asp Asn Thr Gln Leu Asp Phe Val Ala Ile Leu Asp Glu Pro
 1045 1050 1055

Gln Gly Leu Ser Pro Pro Pro Ser His Asp Gln Arg Gly Ser Ser Gly
 1060 1065 1070

His Thr Pro Pro Pro Ser Gly Pro Pro Asn Met Ala Val Gly Asn Met
 1075 1080 1085

Ser Val Leu Leu Arg Ser Leu Pro Gly Glu Thr Glu Phe Leu Asn Ser
 1090 1095 1100

Ser Ala
 1105

<210> 6

<211> 407

<212> PRT

<213> Artificial Sequence

<220>

<223> Description of Artificial Sequence: Fragment of
 human GLI-1

<400> 6

Met Phe Asn Ser Met Thr Pro Pro Pro Ile Ser Ser Tyr Gly Glu Pro
 1 5 10 15

Cys Cys Leu Arg Pro Leu Pro Ser Gln Gly Ala Pro Ser Val Gly Thr
 20 25 30

Glu Gly Leu Ser Gly Pro Pro Phe Cys His Gln Ala Asn Leu Met Ser
 35 40 45

Gly Pro His Ser Tyr Gly Pro Ala Arg Glu Thr Asn Ser Cys Thr Glu
 50 55 60

Gly Pro Leu Phe Ser Ser Pro Arg Ser Ala Val Lys Leu Thr Lys Lys
 65 70 75 80

Arg Ala Leu Ser Ile Ser Pro Leu Ser Asp Ala Ser Leu Asp Leu Gln
 85 90 95

Thr Val Ile Arg Thr Ser Pro Ser Ser Leu Val Ala Phe Ile Asn Ser
 100 105 110

Arg Cys Thr Ser Pro Gly Gly Ser Tyr Gly His Leu Ser Ile Gly Thr
 115 120 125

Met Ser Pro Ser Leu Gly Phe Pro Ala Gln Met Asn His Gln Lys Gly
 130 135 140

Pro Ser Pro Ser Phe Gly Val Gln Pro Cys Gly Pro His Asp Ser Ala
 145 150 155 160

Arg Gly Gly Met Ile Pro His Pro Gln Ser Arg Gly Pro Phe Pro Thr
 165 170 175

Cys Gln Leu Lys Ser Glu Leu Asp Met Leu Val Gly Lys Cys Arg Glu
 180 185 190

Glu Pro Leu Glu Gly Asp Met Ser Ser Pro Asn Ser Thr Gly Ile Gln
 195 200 205

Asp Pro Leu Leu Gly Met Leu Asp Gly Arg Glu Asp Leu Glu Arg Glu
 210 215 220

Glu Lys Arg Glu Pro Glu Ser Val Tyr Glu Thr Asp Cys Arg Trp Asp
 225 230 235 240

Gly Cys Ser Gln Glu Phe Asp Ser Gln Glu Gln Leu Val His His Ile
 245 250 255

Asn Ser Glu His Ile His Gly Glu Arg Lys Glu Phe Val Cys His Trp
 260 265 270

Gly Gly Cys Ser Arg Glu Leu Arg Pro Phe Lys Ala Gln Tyr Met Leu
 275 280 285

Val Val His Met Arg Arg His Thr Gly Glu Lys Pro His Lys Cys Thr
 290 295 300

Phe Glu Gly Cys Arg Lys Ser Tyr Ser Arg Leu Glu Asn Leu Lys Thr
 305 310 315 320

His Leu Arg Ser His Thr Gly Glu Lys Pro Tyr Met Cys Glu His Glu
 325 330 335

Gly Cys Ser Lys Ala Phe Ser Asn Ala Ser Asp Arg Ala Lys His Gln
 340 345 350

Asn Arg Thr His Ser Asn Glu Lys Pro Tyr Val Cys Lys Leu Pro Gly
 355 360 365

Cys Thr Lys Arg Tyr Thr Asp Pro Ser Ser Leu Arg Lys His Val Lys
 370 375 380

Thr Val His Gly Pro Asp Ala His Val Thr Lys Arg His Arg Gly Asp
 385 390 395 400

Gly Pro Leu Pro Arg Ala Pro
 405

<210> 7

<211> 27

<212> PRT

<213> Artificial Sequence

<220>

<223> Description of Artificial Sequence: Fragment of
 human GLI-1

<400> 7

Lys His Val Lys Thr Val His Gly Pro Asp Ala His Val Thr Lys Arg
 1 5 10 15

His Arg Gly Asp Gly Pro Leu Pro Arg Ala Pro
 20 25

<210> 8

<211> 21

<212> PRT

<213> Artificial Sequence

<220>

<223> Description of Artificial Sequence: Fragment of
 human GLI-1

<400> 8

Cys Thr Glu Gly Pro Leu Phe Ser Ser Pro Arg Ser Ala Val Lys Leu
 1 5 10 15

Thr Lys Lys Arg Ala
 20

<210> 9

<211> 468

<212> PRT

<213> *Drosophila melanogaster*

<400> 9

Met Ala Glu Ala Asn Leu Asp Lys Lys Pro Glu Val Lys Pro Pro Pro
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Gly Leu Lys Ala Ile Ile Asp His Leu Gly Gln Val Tyr Pro Asn Gln
 20 25 30

Pro Asn Pro Leu Gln Val Thr Thr Leu Leu Lys Tyr Trp Leu Gly Gly
 35 40 45

Gln Asp Pro Leu Asp Tyr Ile Ser Met Tyr Lys Phe Pro Gly Asp Val
 50 55 60

Asp Arg Asn Val Pro Pro His Trp His Tyr Ile Ser Phe Gly Leu Ser
 65 70 75 80

Asp Leu His Gly Asp Glu Arg Val His Leu Arg Glu Glu Gly Val Thr
 85 90 95

Arg Ser Gly Met Gly Phe Glu Leu Thr Phe Arg Leu Ala Lys Thr Glu
 100 105 110

Ile Glu Leu Lys Gln Gln Ile Glu Asn Pro Glu Lys Pro Gln Arg Ala
 115 120 125

Pro Thr Trp Pro Ala Asn Leu Leu Gln Ala Ile Gly Arg Tyr Cys Phe
 130 135 140

Gln Thr Gly Asn Gly Leu Cys Phe Gly Asp Asn Ile Pro Trp Arg Lys
 145 150 155 160

Ser Leu Asp Gly Ser Thr Thr Ser Lys Leu Gln Asn Leu Leu Val Ala
 165 170 175

Gln Asp Pro Gln Leu Gly Cys Ile Asp Thr Pro Thr Gly Thr Val Asp

180	185	190
Phe Cys Gln Ile Val Gly Val	Phe Asp Asp Glu Leu Glu Gln Ala Ser	
195	200	205
Arg Trp Asn Gly Arg Gly Val	Leu Asn Phe Leu Arg Gln Asp Met Gln	
210	215	220
Thr Gly Gly Asp Trp Leu Val	Thr Asn Met Asp Arg Gln Met Ser Val	
225	230	235
Phe Glu Leu Phe Pro Glu Thr	Leu Leu Asn Leu Gln Asp Asp Leu Glu	
245	250	255
Lys Gln Gly Ser Asp Leu Ala	Gly Val Asn Ala Asp Phe Ser Phe Arg	
260	265	270
Glu Leu Lys Pro Thr Lys Glu	Val Lys Glu Glu Val Asp Phe Gln Ala	
275	280	285
Leu Ser Glu Lys Cys Ala Asn	Asp Glu Asn Asn Arg Gln Leu Thr Asp	
290	295	300
Thr Gln Met Lys Arg Glu Glu	Pro Ser Phe Pro Gln Ser Met Ser Met	
305	310	315
Ser Ser Asn Ser Leu His Lys	Ser Cys Pro Leu Asp Phe Gln Ala Gln	
325	330	335
Ala Pro Asn Cys Ile Ser Leu	Asp Gly Ile Glu Ile Thr Leu Ala Pro	
340	345	350
Gly Val Ala Lys Tyr Leu Leu	Leu Ala Ile Lys Asp Arg Ile Arg His	
355	360	365
Gly Arg His Phe Thr Phe Lys	Ala Gln His Leu Ala Leu Thr Leu Val	
370	375	380
Ala Glu Ser Val Thr Gly Ser	Ala Val Thr Val Asn Glu Pro Tyr Gly	
385	390	395
Val Leu Gly Tyr Trp Ile Gln	Val Leu Ile Pro Asp Glu Leu Val Pro	
405	410	415
Arg Leu Met Glu Asp Phe Cys	Ser Ala Gly Leu Asp Glu Lys Cys Glu	
420	425	430
Pro Lys Glu Arg Leu Glu Leu	Glu Trp Pro Asp Lys Asn Leu Lys Leu	

435 440 445
 Ile Ile Asp Gln Pro Glu Pro Val Leu Pro Met Ser Leu Asp Ala Ala
 450 455 460

 Pro Leu Lys Met
 465

 <210> 10
 <211> 384
 <212> PRT
 <213> Homo sapiens

 <400> 10
 Met Ala Glu Leu Arg Pro Ser Gly Ala Pro Gly Pro Thr Ala Pro Pro
 1 5 10 15

 Ala Pro Gly Pro Thr Ala Pro Pro Ala Phe Ala Ser Leu Phe Pro Pro
 20 25 30

 Gly Leu His Ala Ile Tyr Gly Glu Cys Arg Arg Leu Tyr Pro Asp Gln
 35 40 45

 Pro Asn Pro Leu Gln Val Thr Ala Ile Val Lys Tyr Trp Leu Gly Gly
 50 55 60

 Pro Asp Pro Leu Asp Tyr Val Ser Met Tyr Arg Asn Val Gly Ser Pro
 65 70 75 80

 Ser Ala Asn Ile Pro Glu His Trp His Tyr Ile Ser Phe Gly Leu Ser
 85 90 95

 Asp Leu Tyr Gly Asp Asn Arg Val His Glu Phe Thr Gly Thr Asp Gly
 100 105 110

 Pro Ser Gly Phe Gly Phe Glu Leu Thr Phe Arg Leu Lys Arg Glu Thr
 115 120 125

 Gly Glu Ser Ala Pro Pro Thr Trp Pro Ala Glu Leu Met Gln Gly Leu
 130 135 140

 Ala Arg Tyr Val Phe Gln Ser Glu Asn Thr Phe Cys Ser Gly Asp His
 145 150 155 160

 Val Ser Trp His Ser Pro Leu Asp Asn Ser Glu Ser Arg Ile Gln His
 165 170 175

Met Leu Leu Thr Glu Asp Pro Gln Met Gln Pro Val Gln Thr Pro Phe
 180 185 190
 Gly Val Val Thr Phe Leu Gln Ile Val Gly Val Cys Thr Glu Glu Leu
 195 200 205
 His Ser Ala Gln Gln Trp Asn Gly Gln Gly Ile Leu Glu Leu Leu Arg
 210 215 220
 Thr Val Pro Ile Ala Gly Gly Pro Trp Leu Ile Thr Asp Met Arg Arg
 225 230 235 240
 Gly Glu Thr Ile Phe Glu Ile Asp Pro His Leu Gln Glu Arg Val Asp
 245 250 255
 Lys Gly Ile Glu Thr Asp Gly Ser Asn Leu Ser Gly Val Ser Ala Lys
 260 265 270
 Cys Ala Trp Asp Asp Leu Ser Arg Pro Pro Glu Asp Asp Glu Asp Ser
 275 280 285
 Arg Ser Ile Cys Ile Gly Thr Gln Pro Arg Arg Leu Ser Gly Lys Asp
 290 295 300
 Thr Glu Gln Ile Arg Glu Thr Leu Arg Arg Gly Leu Glu Ile Asn Ser
 305 310 315 320
 Lys Pro Val Leu Pro Pro Ile Asn Pro Gln Arg Gln Asn Gly Leu Pro
 325 330 335
 His Asp Arg Ala Pro Ser Arg Lys Asp Ser Leu Glu Ser Asp Ser Ser
 340 345 350
 Thr Ala Ile Ile Pro His Glu Leu Ile Arg Thr Arg Gln Leu Glu Ser
 355 360 365
 Val His Leu Lys Phe Asn Gln Glu Ser Gly Ala Leu Ile Pro Leu Cys
 370 375 380

<210> 11

<211> 1118

<212> PRT

<213> Artificial Sequence

<220>

<223> Description of Artificial

Sequence:Haemoagglutinin-tagged GLI-1

<400> 11

Met Gly Tyr Pro Tyr Asp Val Pro Asp Tyr Ala Ser Met Phe Asn Ser
 1 5 10 15

Met Thr Pro Pro Pro Ile Ser Ser Tyr Gly Glu Pro Cys Cys Leu Arg
 20 25 30

Pro Leu Pro Ser Gln Gly Ala Pro Ser Val Gly Thr Glu Gly Leu Ser
 35 40 45

Gly Pro Pro Phe Cys His Gln Ala Asn Leu Met Ser Gly Pro His Ser
 50 55 60

Tyr Gly Pro Ala Arg Glu Thr Asn Ser Cys Thr Glu Gly Pro Leu Phe
 65 70 75 80

Ser Ser Pro Arg Ser Ala Val Lys Leu Thr Lys Lys Arg Ala Leu Ser
 85 90 95

Ile Ser Pro Leu Ser Asp Ala Ser Leu Asp Leu Gln Thr Val Ile Arg
 100 105 110

Thr Ser Pro Ser Ser Leu Val Ala Phe Ile Asn Ser Arg Cys Thr Ser
 115 120 125

Pro Gly Gly Ser Tyr Gly His Leu Ser Ile Gly Thr Met Ser Pro Ser
 130 135 140

Leu Gly Phe Pro Ala Gln Met Asn His Gln Lys Gly Pro Ser Pro Ser
 145 150 155 160

Phe Gly Val Gln Pro Cys Gly Pro His Asp Ser Ala Arg Gly Gly Met
 165 170 175

Ile Pro His Pro Gln Ser Arg Gly Pro Phe Pro Thr Cys Gln Leu Lys
 180 185 190

Ser Glu Leu Asp Met Leu Val Gly Lys Cys Arg Glu Glu Pro Leu Glu
 195 200 205

Gly Asp Met Ser Ser Pro Asn Ser Thr Gly Ile Gln Asp Pro Leu Leu
 210 215 220

Gly Met Leu Asp Gly Arg Glu Asp Leu Glu Arg Glu Glu Lys Arg Glu

225	230	235	240
Pro Glu Ser Val Tyr Glu Thr Asp Cys Arg Trp Asp Gly Cys Ser Gln			
245	250	255	
Glu Phe Asp Ser Gln Glu Gln Leu Val His His Ile Asn Ser Glu His			
260	265	270	
Ile His Gly Glu Arg Lys Glu Phe Val Cys His Trp Gly Gly Cys Ser			
275	280	285	
Arg Glu Leu Arg Pro Phe Lys Ala Gln Tyr Met Leu Val Val His Met			
290	295	300	
Arg Arg His Thr Gly Glu Lys Pro His Lys Cys Thr Phe Glu Gly Cys			
305	310	315	320
Arg Lys Ser Tyr Ser Arg Leu Glu Asn Leu Lys Thr His Leu Arg Ser			
325	330	335	
His Thr Gly Glu Lys Pro Tyr Met Cys Glu His Glu Gly Cys Ser Lys			
340	345	350	
Ala Phe Ser Asn Ala Ser Asp Arg Ala Lys His Gln Asn Arg Thr His			
355	360	365	
Ser Asn Glu Lys Pro Tyr Val Cys Lys Leu Pro Gly Cys Thr Lys Arg			
370	375	380	
Tyr Thr Asp Pro Ser Ser Leu Arg Lys His Val Lys Thr Val His Gly			
385	390	395	400
Pro Asp Ala His Val Thr Lys Arg His Arg Gly Asp Gly Pro Leu Pro			
405	410	415	
Arg Ala Pro Ser Ile Ser Thr Val Glu Pro Lys Arg Glu Arg Glu Gly			
420	425	430	
Gly Pro Ile Arg Glu Glu Ser Arg Leu Thr Val Pro Glu Gly Ala Met			
435	440	445	
Lys Pro Gln Pro Ser Pro Gly Ala Gln Ser Ser Cys Ser Ser Asp His			
450	455	460	
Ser Pro Ala Gly Ser Ala Ala Asn Thr Asp Ser Gly Val Glu Met Thr			
465	470	475	480
Gly Asn Ala Gly Gly Ser Thr Glu Asp Leu Ser Ser Leu Asp Glu Gly			

485	490	495
Pro Cys Ile Ala Gly Thr Gly Leu Ser Thr Leu Arg Arg Leu Glu Asn		
500	505	510
Leu Arg Leu Asp Gln Leu His Gln Leu Arg Pro Ile Gly Thr Arg Gly		
515	520	525
Leu Lys Leu Pro Ser Leu Ser His Thr Gly Thr Thr Val Ser Arg Arg		
530	535	540
Val Gly Pro Pro Val Ser Leu Glu Arg Arg Ser Ser Ser Ser Ser Ser		
545	550	555
Ile Ser Ser Ala Tyr Thr Val Ser Arg Arg Ser Ser Leu Ala Ser Pro		
565	570	575
Phe Pro Pro Gly Ser Pro Pro Glu Asn Gly Ala Ser Ser Leu Pro Gly		
580	585	590
Leu Met Pro Ala Gln His Tyr Leu Leu Arg Ala Arg Tyr Ala Ser Ala		
595	600	605
Arg Gly Gly Gly Thr Ser Pro Thr Ala Ala Ser Ser Leu Asp Arg Ile		
610	615	620
Gly Gly Leu Pro Met Pro Pro Trp Arg Ser Arg Ala Glu Tyr Pro Gly		
625	630	635
Tyr Asn Pro Asn Ala Gly Val Thr Arg Arg Ala Ser Asp Pro Ala Gln		
645	650	655
Ala Ala Asp Arg Pro Ala Pro Ala Arg Val Gln Arg Phe Lys Ser Leu		
660	665	670
Gly Cys Val His Thr Pro Pro Thr Val Ala Gly Gly Gly Gln Asn Phe		
675	680	685
Asp Pro Tyr Leu Pro Thr Ser Val Tyr Ser Pro Gln Pro Pro Ser Ile		
690	695	700
Thr Glu Asn Ala Ala Met Asp Ala Arg Gly Leu Gln Glu Glu Pro Glu		
705	710	715
Val Gly Thr Ser Met Val Gly Ser Gly Leu Asn Pro Tyr Met Asp Phe		
725	730	735
Pro Pro Thr Asp Thr Leu Gly Tyr Gly Gly Pro Glu Gly Ala Ala Ala		

740	745	750
Glu Pro Tyr Gly Ala Arg Gly Pro Gly Ser Leu Pro Leu Gly Pro Gly		
755	760	765
Pro Pro Thr Asn Tyr Gly Pro Asn Pro Cys Pro Gln Gln Ala Ser Tyr		
770	775	780
Pro Asp Pro Thr Gln Glu Thr Trp Gly Glu Phe Pro Ser His Ser Gly		
785	790	795
800		
Leu Tyr Pro Gly Pro Lys Ala Leu Gly Gly Thr Tyr Ser Gln Cys Pro		
805	810	815
Arg Leu Glu His Tyr Gly Gln Val Gln Val Lys Pro Glu Gln Gly Cys		
820	825	830
Pro Val Gly Ser Asp Ser Thr Gly Leu Ala Pro Cys Leu Asn Ala His		
835	840	845
Pro Ser Glu Gly Pro Pro His Pro Gln Pro Leu Phe Ser His Tyr Pro		
850	855	860
Gln Pro Ser Pro Pro Gln Tyr Leu Gln Ser Gly Pro Tyr Thr Gln Pro		
865	870	875
880		
Pro Pro Asp Tyr Leu Pro Ser Glu Pro Arg Pro Cys Leu Asp Phe Asp		
885	890	895
Ser Pro Thr His Ser Thr Gly Gln Leu Lys Ala Gln Leu Val Cys Asn		
900	905	910
Tyr Val Gln Ser Gln Gln Glu Leu Leu Trp Glu Gly Gly Gly Arg Glu		
915	920	925
Asp Ala Pro Ala Gln Glu Pro Ser Tyr Gln Ser Pro Lys Phe Leu Gly		
930	935	940
Gly Ser Gln Val Ser Pro Ser Arg Ala Lys Ala Pro Val Asn Thr Tyr		
945	950	955
960		
Gly Pro Gly Phe Gly Pro Asn Leu Pro Asn His Lys Ser Gly Ser Tyr		
965	970	975
Pro Thr Pro Ser Pro Cys His Glu Asn Phe Val Val Gly Ala Asn Arg		
980	985	990
Ala Ser His Arg Ala Ala Ala Pro Pro Arg Leu Leu Pro Pro Leu Pro		

995 1000 1005
 Thr Cys Tyr Gly Pro Leu Lys Val Gly Gly Thr Asn Pro Ser Cys Gly
 1010 1015 1020
 His Pro Glu Val Gly Arg Leu Gly Gly Gly Pro Ala Leu Tyr Pro Pro
 1025 1030 1035 1040
 Pro Glu Gly Gln Val Cys Asn Pro Leu Asp Ser Leu Asp Leu Asp Asn
 1045 1050 1055
 Thr Gln Leu Asp Phe Val Ala Ile Leu Asp Glu Pro Gln Gly Leu Ser
 1060 1065 1070
 Pro Pro Pro Ser His Asp Gln Arg Gly Ser Ser Gly His Thr Pro Pro
 1075 1080 1085
 Pro Ser Gly Pro Pro Asn Met Ala Val Gly Asn Met Ser Val Leu Leu
 1090 1095 1100
 Arg Ser Leu Pro Gly Glu Thr Glu Phe Leu Asn Ser Ser Ala
 1105 1110 1115

 <210> 12
 <211> 496
 <212> PRT
 <213> Artificial Sequence

 <220>
 <223> Description of Artificial Sequence:myc-tagged
 SUFUH

 <400> 12
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 20 25 30
 Thr Ala Pro Pro Ala Phe Ala Ser Leu Phe Pro Pro Gly Leu His Ala
 35 40 45
 Ile Tyr Gly Glu Cys Arg Arg Leu Tyr Pro Asp Gln Pro Asn Pro Leu
 50 55 60
 Gln Val Thr Ala Ile Val Lys Tyr Trp Leu Gly Gly Pro Asp Pro Leu
 65 70 75 80

Asp Tyr Val Ser Met Tyr Arg Asn Val Gly Ser Pro Ser Ala Asn Ile
 85 90 95

Pro Glu His Trp His Tyr Ile Ser Phe Gly Leu Ser Asp Leu Tyr Gly
 100 105 110

Asp Asn Arg Val His Glu Phe Thr Gly Thr Asp Gly Pro Ser Gly Phe
 115 120 125

Gly Phe Glu Leu Thr Phe Arg Leu Lys Arg Glu Thr Gly Glu Ser Ala
 130 135 140

Pro Pro Thr Trp Pro Ala Glu Leu Met Gln Gly Leu Ala Arg Tyr Val
 145 150 155 160

Phe Gln Ser Glu Asn Thr Phe Cys Ser Gly Asp His Val Ser Trp His
 165 170 175

Ser Pro Leu Asp Asn Ser Glu Ser Arg Ile Gln His Met Leu Leu Thr
 180 185 190

Glu Asp Pro Gln Met Gln Pro Val Gln Thr Pro Phe Gly Val Val Thr
 195 200 205

Phe Leu Gln Ile Val Gly Val Cys Thr Glu Glu Leu His Ser Ala Gln
 210 215 220

Gln Trp Asn Gly Gln Gly Ile Leu Glu Leu Leu Arg Thr Val Pro Ile
 225 230 235 240

Ala Gly Gly Pro Trp Leu Ile Thr Asp Met Arg Arg Gly Glu Thr Ile
 245 250 255

Phe Glu Ile Asp Pro His Leu Gln Glu Arg Val Asp Lys Gly Ile Glu
 260 265 270

Thr Asp Gly Ser Asn Leu Ser Gly Val Ser Ala Lys Cys Ala Trp Asp
 275 280 285

Asp Leu Ser Arg Pro Pro Glu Asp Asp Glu Asp Ser Arg Ser Ile Cys
 290 295 300

Ile Gly Thr Gln Pro Arg Arg Leu Ser Gly Lys Asp Thr Glu Gln Ile
 305 310 315 320

Arg Glu Thr Leu Arg Arg Gly Leu Glu Ile Asn Ser Lys Pro Val Leu
 325 330 335

Pro Pro Ile Asn Pro Gln Arg Gln Asn Gly Leu Pro His Asp Arg Ala
 340 345 350
 Pro Ser Arg Lys Asp Ser Leu Glu Ser Asp Ser Ser Thr Ala Ile Ile
 355 360 365
 Pro His Glu Leu Ile Arg Thr Arg Gln Leu Glu Ser Val His Leu Lys
 370 375 380
 Phe Asn Gln Glu Ser Gly Ala Leu Ile Pro Leu Cys Leu Arg Gly Arg
 385 390 395 400
 Leu Leu His Gly Arg His Phe Thr Tyr Lys Ser Ile Thr Gly Asp Met
 405 410 415
 Ala Ile Thr Phe Val Ser Thr Gly Val Glu Gly Ala Phe Ala Thr Glu
 420 425 430
 Glu His Pro Tyr Ala Ala His Gly Pro Trp Leu Gln Ile Leu Leu Thr
 435 440 445
 Glu Glu Phe Val Glu Lys Met Leu Glu Asp Leu Glu Asp Leu Thr Ser
 450 455 460
 Pro Glu Glu Phe Lys Leu Pro Lys Glu Tyr Ser Trp Pro Glu Lys Lys
 465 470 475 480
 Leu Lys Val Ser Ile Leu Pro Asp Val Val Phe Asp Ser Pro Leu His
 485 490 495

<210> 13

<211> 419

<212> PRT

<213> Artificial Sequence

<220>

<223> Description of Artificial

Sequence: Haemoagglutinin-tagged fragment of human
GLI-1

<400> 13

Met Gly Tyr Pro Tyr Asp Val Pro Asp Tyr Ala Ser Met Phe Asn Ser
 1 5 10 15

Met Thr Pro Pro Pro Ile Ser Ser Tyr Gly Glu Pro Cys Cys Leu Arg
 20 25 30
 Pro Leu Pro Ser Gln Gly Ala Pro Ser Val Gly Thr Glu Gly Leu Ser
 35 40 45
 Gly Pro Pro Phe Cys His Gln Ala Asn Leu Met Ser Gly Pro His Ser
 50 55 60
 Tyr Gly Pro Ala Arg Glu Thr Asn Ser Cys Thr Glu Gly Pro Leu Phe
 65 70 75 80
 Ser Ser Pro Arg Ser Ala Val Lys Leu Thr Lys Lys Arg Ala Leu Ser
 85 90 95
 Ile Ser Pro Leu Ser Asp Ala Ser Leu Asp Leu Gln Thr Val Ile Arg
 100 105 110
 Thr Ser Pro Ser Ser Leu Val Ala Phe Ile Asn Ser Arg Cys Thr Ser
 115 120 125
 Pro Gly Gly Ser Tyr Gly His Leu Ser Ile Gly Thr Met Ser Pro Ser
 130 135 140
 Leu Gly Phe Pro Ala Gln Met Asn His Gln Lys Gly Pro Ser Pro Ser
 145 150 155 160
 Phe Gly Val Gln Pro Cys Gly Pro His Asp Ser Ala Arg Gly Gly Met
 165 170 175
 Ile Pro His Pro Gln Ser Arg Gly Pro Phe Pro Thr Cys Gln Leu Lys
 180 185 190
 Ser Glu Leu Asp Met Leu Val Gly Lys Cys Arg Glu Glu Pro Leu Glu
 195 200 205
 Gly Asp Met Ser Ser Pro Asn Ser Thr Gly Ile Gln Asp Pro Leu Leu
 210 215 220
 Gly Met Leu Asp Gly Arg Glu Asp Leu Glu Arg Glu Glu Lys Arg Glu
 225 230 235 240
 Pro Glu Ser Val Tyr Glu Thr Asp Cys Arg Trp Asp Gly Cys Ser Gln
 245 250 255
 Glu Phe Asp Ser Gln Glu Gln Leu Val His His Ile Asn Ser Glu His
 260 265 270

Ile His Gly Glu Arg Lys Glu Phe Val Cys His Trp Gly Gly Cys Ser
 275 280 285
 Arg Glu Leu Arg Pro Phe Lys Ala Gln Tyr Met Leu Val Val His Met
 290 295 300
 Arg Arg His Thr Gly Glu Lys Pro His Lys Cys Thr Phe Glu Gly Cys
 305 310 315 320
 Arg Lys Ser Tyr Ser Arg Leu Glu Asn Leu Lys Thr His Leu Arg Ser
 325 330 335
 His Thr Gly Glu Lys Pro Tyr Met Cys Glu His Glu Gly Cys Ser Lys
 340 345 350
 Ala Phe Ser Asn Ala Ser Asp Arg Ala Lys His Gln Asn Arg Thr His
 355 360 365
 Ser Asn Glu Lys Pro Tyr Val Cys Lys Leu Pro Gly Cys Thr Lys Arg
 370 375 380
 Tyr Thr Asp Pro Ser Ser Leu Arg Lys His Val Lys Thr Val His Gly
 385 390 395 400
 Pro Asp Ala His Val Thr Lys Arg His Arg Gly Asp Gly Pro Leu Pro
 405 410 415
 Arg Ala Pro

<210> 14

<211> 397

<212> PRT

<213> Artificial Sequence

<220>

<223> Description of Artificial Sequence:myc-tagged
 SUFUH-delta

<400> 14

Met Glu Gln Lys Leu Ile Ser Glu Glu Asp Leu Asn Met Ala Glu Leu
 1 5 10 15

Arg Pro Ser Gly Ala Pro Gly Pro Thr Ala Pro Pro Ala Pro Gly Pro
 20 25 30

Thr Ala Pro Pro Ala Phe Ala Ser Leu Phe Pro Pro Gly Leu His Ala
 35 40 45
 Ile Tyr Gly Glu Cys Arg Arg Leu Tyr Pro Asp Gln Pro Asn Pro Leu
 50 55 60
 Gln Val Thr Ala Ile Val Lys Tyr Trp Leu Gly Gly Pro Asp Pro Leu
 65 70 75 80
 Asp Tyr Val Ser Met Tyr Arg Asn Val Gly Ser Pro Ser Ala Asn Ile
 85 90 95
 Pro Glu His Trp His Tyr Ile Ser Phe Gly Leu Ser Asp Leu Tyr Gly
 100 105 110
 Asp Asn Arg Val His Glu Phe Thr Gly Thr Asp Gly Pro Ser Gly Phe
 115 120 125
 Gly Phe Glu Leu Thr Phe Arg Leu Lys Arg Glu Thr Gly Glu Ser Ala
 130 135 140
 Pro Pro Thr Trp Pro Ala Glu Leu Met Gln Gly Leu Ala Arg Tyr Val
 145 150 155 160
 Phe Gln Ser Glu Asn Thr Phe Cys Ser Gly Asp His Val Ser Trp His
 165 170 175
 Ser Pro Leu Asp Asn Ser Glu Ser Arg Ile Gln His Met Leu Leu Thr
 180 185 190
 Glu Asp Pro Gln Met Gln Pro Val Gln Thr Pro Phe Gly Val Val Thr
 195 200 205
 Phe Leu Gln Ile Val Gly Val Cys Thr Glu Glu Leu His Ser Ala Gln
 210 215 220
 Gln Trp Asn Gly Gln Gly Ile Leu Glu Leu Leu Arg Thr Val Pro Ile
 225 230 235 240
 Ala Gly Gly Pro Trp Leu Ile Thr Asp Met Arg Arg Gly Glu Thr Ile
 245 250 255
 Phe Glu Ile Asp Pro His Leu Gln Glu Arg Val Asp Lys Gly Ile Glu
 260 265 270
 Thr Asp Gly Ser Asn Leu Ser Gly Val Ser Ala Lys Cys Ala Trp Asp
 275 280 285

Asp Leu Ser Arg Pro Pro Glu Asp Asp Glu Asp Ser Arg Ser Ile Cys
 290 295 300

Ile Gly Thr Gln Pro Arg Arg Leu Ser Gly Lys Asp Thr Glu Gln Ile
 305 310 315 320

Arg Glu Thr Leu Arg Arg Gly Leu Glu Ile Asn Ser Lys Pro Val Leu
 325 330 335

Pro Pro Ile Asn Pro Gln Arg Gln Asn Gly Leu Pro His Asp Arg Ala
 340 345 350

Pro Ser Arg Lys Asp Ser Leu Glu Ser Asp Ser Ser Thr Ala Ile Ile
 355 360 365

Pro His Glu Leu Ile Arg Thr Arg Gln Leu Glu Ser Val His Leu Lys
 370 375 380

Phe Asn Gln Glu Ser Gly Ala Leu Ile Pro Leu Cys Leu
 385 390 395

<210> 15

<211> 525

<212> PRT

<213> Artificial Sequence

<220>

<223> Description of Artificial Sequence: Fragment of
 human GLI-1

<400> 15

Met Phe Asn Ser Met Thr Pro Pro Pro Ile Ser Ser Tyr Gly Glu Pro
 1 5 10 15

Cys Cys Leu Arg Pro Leu Pro Ser Gln Gly Ala Pro Ser Val Gly Thr
 20 25 30

Glu Gly Leu Ser Gly Pro Pro Phe Cys His Gln Ala Asn Leu Met Ser
 35 40 45

Gly Pro His Ser Tyr Gly Pro Ala Arg Glu Thr Asn Ser Cys Thr Glu
 50 55 60

Gly Pro Leu Phe Ser Ser Pro Arg Ser Ala Val Lys Leu Thr Lys Lys
 65 70 75 80

Arg Ala Leu Ser Ile Ser Pro Leu Ser Asp Ala Ser Leu Asp Leu Gln

	85		90		95
Thr Val Ile Arg Thr Ser Pro Ser Ser Leu Val Ala Phe Ile Asn Ser					
	100		105		110
Arg Cys Thr Ser Pro Gly Gly Ser Tyr Gly His Leu Ser Ile Gly Thr					
	115		120		125
Met Ser Pro Ser Leu Gly Phe Pro Ala Gln Met Asn His Gln Lys Gly					
	130		135		140
Pro Ser Pro Ser Phe Gly Val Gln Pro Cys Gly Pro His Asp Ser Ala					
	145		150		155
Arg Gly Gly Met Ile Pro His Pro Gln Ser Arg Gly Pro Phe Pro Thr					
	165		170		175
Cys Gln Leu Lys Ser Glu Leu Asp Met Leu Val Gly Lys Cys Arg Glu					
	180		185		190
Glu Pro Leu Glu Gly Asp Met Ser Ser Pro Asn Ser Thr Gly Ile Gln					
	195		200		205
Asp Pro Leu Leu Gly Met Leu Asp Gly Arg Glu Asp Leu Glu Arg Glu					
	210		215		220
Glu Lys Arg Glu Pro Glu Ser Val Tyr Glu Thr Asp Cys Arg Trp Asp					
	225		230		235
Gly Cys Ser Gln Glu Phe Asp Ser Gln Glu Gln Leu Val His His Ile					
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<213> Homo sapiens

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Pro Asp Pro Leu Asp Tyr Val Ser Met Tyr Arg Asn Val Gly Ser Pro
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Ser Ala Asn Ile Pro Glu His Trp His Tyr Ile Ser Phe Gly Leu Ser
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Asp Leu Tyr Gly Asp Asn Arg Val His Glu Phe Thr Gly Thr Asp Gly
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Pro Ser Gly Phe Gly Phe Glu Leu Thr Phe Arg Leu Lys Arg Glu Thr
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Ala Arg Tyr Val Phe Gln Ser Glu Asn Thr Phe Cys Ser Gly Asp His
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Val Ser Trp His Ser Pro Leu Asp Asn Ser Glu Ser Arg Ile Gln His
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Met Leu Leu Thr Glu Asp Pro Gln Met Gln Pro Val Gln Thr Pro Phe
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Lys Cys Ala Trp Asp Asp Leu Ser Arg Pro Pro Glu Asp Asp Glu Asp		
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Ser Val His Leu Lys Phe Asn Gln Glu Ser Gly Ala Leu Ile Pro Leu		
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Ala Phe Ala Thr Glu Glu His Pro Tyr Ala Ala His Gly Pro Trp Leu		
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Glu Asp Leu Thr Ser Pro Glu Glu Phe Lys Leu Pro Lys Glu Tyr Ser		
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Met Leu Leu Thr Glu Asp Pro Gln Met Gln Pro Val Gln Thr Pro Phe
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His Ser Ala Gln Gln Trp Asn Gly Gln Gly Ile Leu Glu Leu Leu Arg
 210 215 220

Thr Val Pro Ile Ala Gly Gly Pro Trp Leu Ile Thr Asp Met Arg Arg
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Gly Glu Thr Ile Phe Glu Ile Asp Pro His Leu Gln Gln Glu Arg Val
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Asp Lys Gly Ile Glu Thr Asp Gly Ser Asn Leu Ser Gly Val Ser Ala
 260 265 270

Lys Cys Ala Trp Asp Asp Leu Ser Arg Pro Pro Glu Asp Asp Glu Asp
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Ser Arg Ser Ile Cys Ile Gly Thr Gln Pro Arg Arg Leu Ser Gly Lys
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Asp Thr Glu Gln Ile Arg Glu Thr Leu Arg Arg Gly Leu Glu Ile Asn
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Ser Lys Pro Val Leu Pro Pro Ile Asn Pro Gln Arg Gln Asn Gly Leu
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Pro His Asp Arg Ala Pro Ser Arg Lys Asp Ser Leu Glu Ser Asp Ser
 340 345 350

Ser Thr Ala Ile Ile Pro His Glu Leu Ile Arg Thr Arg Gln Leu Glu
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Cys Leu Arg Phe Cys
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<213> Homo sapiens

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Pro Asn Pro Leu Gln Val Thr Ala Ile Val Lys Tyr Trp Leu Gly Gly
 50 55 60

Pro Asp Pro Leu Asp Tyr Val Ser Met Tyr Arg Asn Val Gly Ser Pro
 65 70 75 80

Ser Ala Asn Ile Pro Glu His Trp His Tyr Ile Ser Phe Gly Leu Ser
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Asp Leu Tyr Gly Asp Asn Arg Val His Glu Phe Thr Gly Thr Asp Gly
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Pro Ser Gly Phe Gly Phe Glu Leu Thr Phe Arg Leu Lys Arg Glu Thr
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Gly Glu Ser Ala Pro Pro Thr Trp Pro Ala Glu Leu Met Gln Gly Leu
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Ala Arg Tyr Val Phe Gln Ser Glu Asn Thr Phe Cys Ser Gly Asp His
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Val Ser Trp His Ser Pro Leu Asp Asn Ser Glu Ser Arg Ile Gln His
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Met Leu Leu Thr Glu Asp Pro Gln Met Gln Pro Val Gln Thr Pro Phe
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Gly Val Val Thr Phe Leu Gln Ile Val Gly Val Cys Thr Glu Glu Leu
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His Ser Ala Gln Gln Trp Asn Gly Gln Gly Ile Leu Glu Leu Leu Arg
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Thr Val Pro Ile Ala Gly Gly Pro Trp Leu Ile Thr Asp Met Arg Arg
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Gly Glu Thr Ile Phe Glu Ile Asp Pro His Leu Gln Gln Glu Arg Val
 245 250 255

Asp Lys Gly Ile Glu Thr Asp Gly Ser Asn Leu Ser Gly Val Ser Ala
 260 265 270

Lys Cys Ala Trp Asp Asp Leu Ser Arg Pro Pro Glu Asp Asp Glu Asp
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Ser Arg Ser Ile Cys Ile Gly Thr Gln Pro Arg Arg Leu Ser Gly Lys
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Thr Ala Pro Pro Ala Phe Ala Ser Leu Phe Pro Pro Gly Leu His Ala
 35 40 45

Ile Tyr Gly Glu Cys Arg Arg Leu Tyr Pro Asp Gln Pro Asn Pro Leu
 50 55 60

Gln Val Thr Ala Ile Val Lys Tyr Trp Leu Gly Gly Pro Asp Pro Leu
 65 70 75 80

Asp Tyr Val Ser Met Tyr Arg Asn Val Gly Ser Pro Ser Ala Asn Ile
 85 90 95

Pro Glu His Trp His Tyr Ile Ser Phe Gly Leu Ser Asp Leu Tyr Gly
 100 105 110

Asp Asn Arg Val His Glu Phe Thr Gly Thr Asp Gly Pro Ser Gly Phe
 115 120 125

Gly Phe Glu Leu Thr Phe Arg Leu Lys Arg Glu Thr Gly Glu Ser Ala
 130 135 140

Pro Pro Thr Trp Pro Ala Glu Leu Met Gln Gly Leu Ala Arg Tyr Val
 145 150 155 160

Phe Gln Ser Glu Asn Thr Phe Cys Ser Gly Asp His Val Ser Trp His
 165 170 175

Ser Pro Leu Asp Asn Ser Glu Ser Arg Ile Gln His Met Leu Leu Thr
 180 185 190

Glu Asp Pro Gln Met Gln Pro Val Gln Thr Pro Phe Gly Val Val Thr
 195 200 205

Phe Leu Gln Ile Val Gly Val Cys Thr Glu Glu Leu His Ser Ala Gln
 210 215 220

Gln Trp Asn Gly Gln Gly Ile Leu Glu Leu Leu Arg Thr Val Pro Ile
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Ala Gly Gly Pro Trp Leu Ile Thr Asp Met Arg Arg Gly Glu Thr Ile
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Phe Glu Ile Asp Pro His Leu Gln Gln Glu Arg Val Asp Lys Gly Ile
 260 265 270

Glu Thr Asp Gly Ser Asn Leu Ser Gly Val Ser Ala Lys Cys Ala Trp
 275 280 285

Asp Asp Leu Ser Arg Pro Pro Glu Asp Asp Glu Asp Ser Arg Ser Ile
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Cys Ile Gly Thr Gln Pro Arg Arg Leu Ser Gly Lys Asp Thr Glu Gln
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Ile Arg Glu Thr Leu Arg Arg Gly Leu Glu Ile Asn Ser Lys Pro Val
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Leu Pro Pro Ile Asn Pro Gln Arg Gln Asn Gly Leu Pro His Asp Arg
 340 345 350

Ala Pro Ser Arg Lys Asp Ser Leu Glu Ser Asp Ser Ser Thr Ala Ile
 355 360 365

Ile Pro His Glu Leu Ile Arg Thr Arg Gln Leu Glu Ser Val His Leu
 370 375 380

Lys Phe Asn Gln Glu Ser Gly Ala Leu Ile Pro Leu Cys Leu Arg Gly
 385 390 395 400

Arg Leu Leu His Gly Arg His Phe Thr Tyr Lys Ser Ile Thr Gly Asp
 405 410 415

Met Ala Ile Thr Phe Val Ser Thr Gly Val Glu Gly Ala Phe Ala Thr
 420 425 430

Glu Glu His Pro Tyr Ala Ala His Gly Pro Trp Leu Gln Ile Leu Leu
 435 440 445

Thr Glu Glu Phe Val Glu Lys Met Leu Glu Asp Leu Glu Asp Leu Thr
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Ile Tyr Gly Glu Cys Arg Arg Leu Tyr Pro Asp Gln Pro Asn Pro Leu
 50 55 60

Gln Val Thr Ala Ile Val Lys Tyr Trp Leu Gly Gly Pro Asp Pro Leu
 65 70 75 80

Asp Tyr Val Ser Met Tyr Arg Asn Val Gly Ser Pro Ser Ala Asn Ile
 85 90 95

Pro Glu His Trp His Tyr Ile Ser Phe Gly Leu Ser Asp Leu Tyr Gly
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Asp Asn Arg Val His Glu Phe Thr Gly Thr Asp Gly Pro Ser Gly Phe
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Gly Phe Glu Leu Thr Phe Arg Leu Lys Arg Glu Thr Gly Glu Ser Ala
 130 135 140

Pro Pro Thr Trp Pro Ala Glu Leu Met Gln Gly Leu Ala Arg Tyr Val
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Phe Gln Ser Glu Asn Thr Phe Cys Ser Gly Asp His Val Ser Trp His
 165 170 175

Ser Pro Leu Asp Asn Ser Glu Ser Arg Ile Gln His Met Leu Leu Thr
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Glu Asp Pro Gln Met Gln Pro Val Gln Thr Pro Phe Gly Val Val Thr
 195 200 205

Phe Leu Gln Ile Val Gly Val Cys Thr Glu Glu Leu His Ser Ala Gln
 210 215 220

Gln Trp Asn Gly Gln Gly Ile Leu Glu Leu Leu Arg Thr Val Pro Ile
 225 230 235 240

Ala Gly Gly Pro Trp Leu Ile Thr Asp Met Arg Arg Gly Glu Thr Ile
 245 250 255

Phe Glu Ile Asp Pro His Leu Gln Gln Glu Arg Val Asp Lys Gly Ile
 260 265 270

Glu Thr Asp Gly Ser Asn Leu Ser Gly Val Ser Ala Lys Cys Ala Trp
 275 280 285

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 Cys Ile Gly Thr Gln Pro Arg Arg Leu Ser Gly Lys Asp Thr Glu Gln
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 35 40 45
 Ile Tyr Gly Glu Cys Arg Arg Leu Tyr Pro Asp Gln Pro Asn Pro Leu
 50 55 60
 Gln Val Thr Ala Ile Val Lys Tyr Trp Leu Gly Gly Pro Asp Pro Leu

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Pro Glu His Trp His Tyr Ile Ser Phe Gly Leu Ser Asp Leu Tyr Gly			
	100	105	110
Asp Asn Arg Val His Glu Phe Thr Gly Thr Asp Gly Pro Ser Gly Phe			
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Gly Phe Glu Leu Thr Phe Arg Leu Lys Arg Glu Thr Gly Glu Ser Ala			
	130	135	140
Pro Pro Thr Trp Pro Ala Glu Leu Met Gln Gly Leu Ala Arg Tyr Val			
	145	150	155
Phe Gln Ser Glu Asn Thr Phe Cys Ser Gly Asp His Val Ser Trp His			
	165	170	175
Ser Pro Leu Asp Asn Ser Glu Ser Arg Ile Gln His Met Leu Leu Thr			
	180	185	190
Glu Asp Pro Gln Met Gln Pro Val Gln Thr Pro Phe Gly Val Val Thr			
	195	200	205
Phe Leu Gln Ile Val Gly Val Cys Thr Glu Glu Leu His Ser Ala Gln			
	210	215	220
Gln Trp Asn Gly Gln Gly Ile Leu Glu Leu Leu Arg Thr Val Pro Ile			
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Ala Gly Gly Pro Trp Leu Ile Thr Asp Met Arg Arg Gly Glu Thr Ile			
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Phe Glu Ile Asp Pro His Leu Gln Gln Glu Arg Val Asp Lys Gly Ile			
	260	265	270
Glu Thr Asp Gly Ser Asn Leu Ser Gly Val Ser Ala Lys Cys Ala Trp			
	275	280	285
Asp Asp Leu Ser Arg Pro Pro Glu Asp Asp Glu Asp Ser Arg Ser Ile			
	290	295	300
Cys Ile Gly Thr Gln Pro Arg Arg Leu Ser Gly Lys Asp Thr Glu Gln			
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